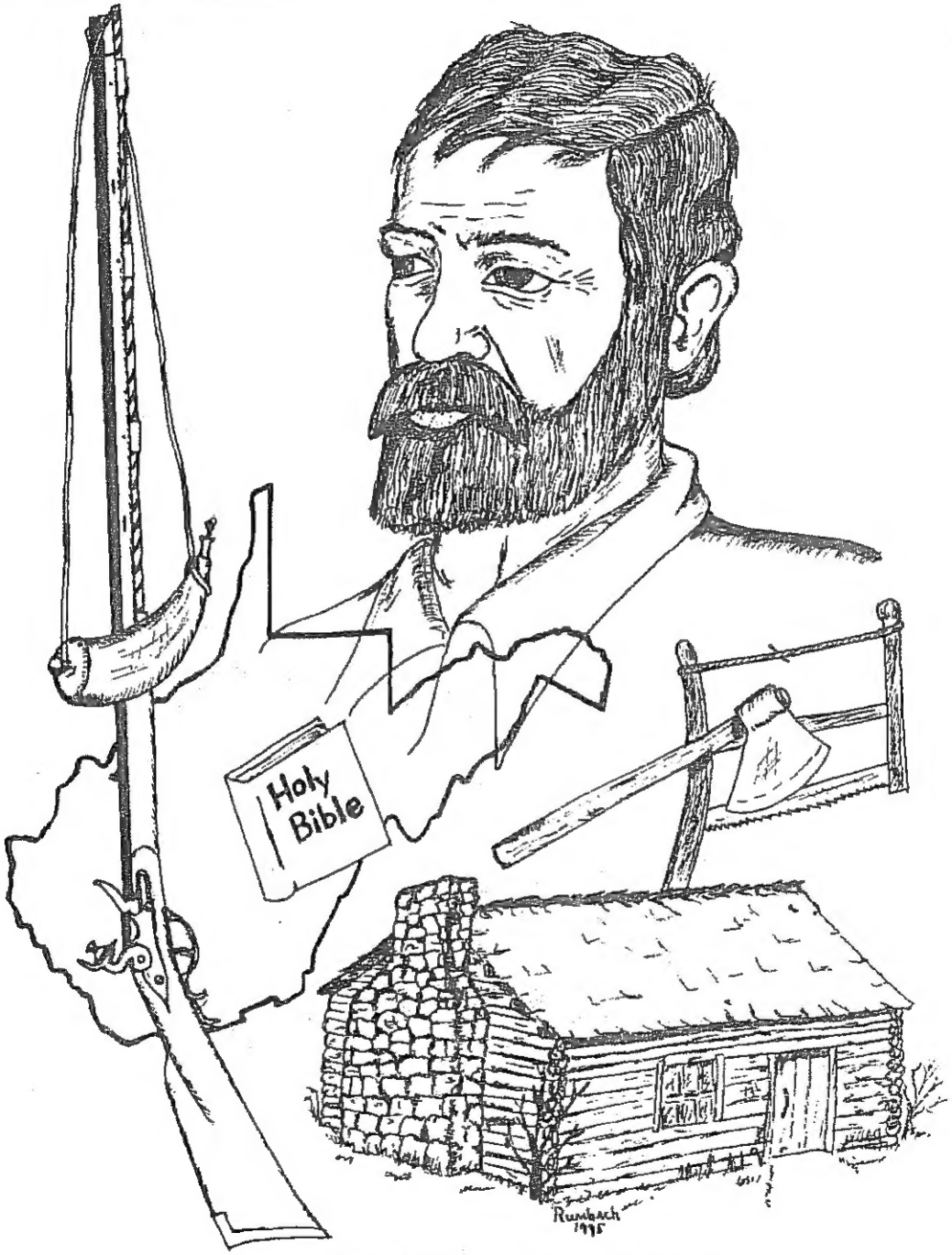
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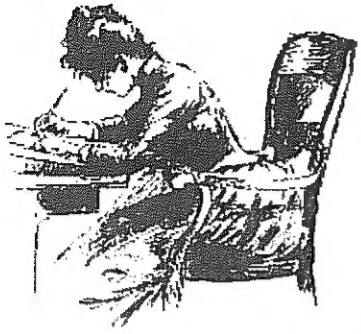
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# Jots from Joy

Hello Everyone!

It's a long, hot summer with lots of rain and some terrible flooding in the southern part of our state; however, most of us here in central West Virginia have escaped severe damages so far. Our hearts and thoughts go out to all of those who have been inundated with water not once, not twice, but as many as four times. Cary Williams, our president, and some of our members who are in the Guard have spent considerable time "down South" helping the flood victims.

You will note that our Journal is taking on some new looks. That's because we have two new associate editors: Sharon **VIELLENAVE** and Rosie **SHEETS**. Keep up the good work, ladies!

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of our Editor-in-Chief Raydine **TEICHEIRA** because of health problems. While she will continue to help us as a volunteer at the library parts of two days each week, she felt she needed to relieve herself of some stress. We're sorry that she is no longer a member of our board, but we all do understand her needs. There is one year remaining to her term. An appointment to fill the vacancy will be made in September.

The local members of HCPD have been busy with fund-raising activities this summer. In June, we sold books and refreshments during the re-enactment of the "Weston Gold Robbery" of the Civil War. In July, we hosted an old fashioned "sassparilly" sale at the Lewis County Fair. In August, of course, we had the gathering; and, come Labor Day weekend, we will be selling books and "sassparilly" at the Stonewall Jackson Heritage Arts and Crafts Jubilee at Jackson's Mill. While all of this has been going on, we have also been making plans for a fall work shop which will be held October 20 at the Lewis County High School.

Joy, Rosie and I will do our best to keep the Journal as good as Buzz did. We will miss Raydine **TEICHEIRA** being our Editor-in-Chief, I was looking forward to working with her, we all wish her well. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of Hackers Creek in such a unique and special way.

Sharon **VIELLENAVE** &
Rosie **SHEETS**



# *Genealogy Genius*

Here are more hints, tips, and brilliant flashes of genius on getting more from genealogy research efforts. HCPD members are encouraged to share tricks they have tried and found useful, keeping the explanations simple so it doesn't take an Einstein to figure them out.

***Interpreting Deeds and Wills.*** On most deeds are the signatures of two or more. The following information appeared in my local Brocton newspaper, *The Enterprise. The Brockton Enterprise,* several months ago. It was sponsored by Bridgewater State College. I think it has some useful tips, simple tips, that some of us might have forgotten. This article is directed toward kids, but that's ok. Comments in [brackets] are mine. *Cindy* ***KOSTKA***

***For the Kid in You***

"You are making history. Each of us is making history. Have you done anything to preserve your own history? Perhaps your parents have saved photographs of you as a child, or clipped your birth announcement from the newspaper. Maybe you've set aside ribbons from a sporting event or a good grade card.

"Now's a great time to start your own scrapbook. That way, you'll have something to show your grandchildren when they marvel that you were born during the previous century, the 1900's.

"When you make your scrapbook, it's important to use materials that will not destroy your photographs and documents. Most paper today has a lot of acid in it. That acid causes the paper to turn brown and get brittle. It's important to protect your scrapbook from heat, light, damp and pollution.

***Hints For Preserving Your Family Collection***

1. Don't put your scrapbook in the attic, basement, or garage. Keep in in a part of the house that is temperature-controlled. Store it in a closet or drawer where it is protected from light, water and insects.
2. Use acid-free or buffered paper for the pages in your scrapbook. Many hobby shops and camera stores sell scrapbook supplies. The label will say that the paper is archival or acid free. If you can't find archival or acid-free paper, look for stationery paper at an office supply store that is 100% rag or 100% cotton. [You can also check at craft stores for acid free paper.]

3. Use page protectors labeled "archival." Don't use vinyl or PVC because these give off harmful fumes that will destroy your papers or photographs. Safe plastics are made from polyester (also called Mylar D), polypropylene.
4. Don't use tape to attach your photographs or papers. Some items can be left loose in the page protector. Use archival photo corners or acid-free glue sticks if you need to attach anything. Another way to attach documents is to cut small slits in your scrapbook page to slide the corners in. Pencil a trace of the outline of the photo or paper on the scrapbook page, then cut a slit across each corner.
5. Try not to fold paper items. Mount them or put them in page protectors flat.
6. Include some black and white photographs. Color photographs fade and change color over time. Some B&W photographs have survived for over 150 years.
7. Treat newspaper clippings to remove the acid before you mount them in your scrapbook. Dissolve a teaspoon of baking soda in two cups of water, and soak your clipping in this solution for a few hours. Then, rinse the clipping in distilled water and let it dry between sheets of acid-free paper. [I suggest you try this on a "non-valuable" clipping first. I would also make a photocopy of the original clipping in the event something should happen to it. You wouldn't want to loose all the information and the clipping.]
8. Use a soft pencil or acid-free pen to label the items in your scrapbook. Normal ink is acidic and will fade over time. It's ok to use your computer for some of the writing in your scrapbook, but remember to use your own handwriting some of the time. Your grandchildren will enjoy seeing your handwriting.
9. Write good labels for your items. Name the people in the photographs and list when and where the photograph was taken. Why were the people gathered together? Why are these people important to you? Write what the documents are and why they are important to you. For example, if you have a photograph and a program from kindergarten graduation, write what you remember about that day. Who was your teacher? What was your favorite activity? Who was your best friend in kindergarten? What did you learn in kindergarten?"

[Along this same line, I talked to my mother. Or should I say, I had my mother do the talking. She was born in 1925 and for years I have heard so many stories she told. Did I even listen half the time to those stories about people, places and special times? Probably not. I wrote out a long list of names - her grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. Then, I handed her a tape recorder and closed her in my quiet living room with the instructions, "Look at the person's name and then talk into the recorder about them. Tell EVERYTHING you can remember about them. Even the most minute detail." She did this. It took several days for her to get through that list. I transcribed the information, and titled it, "*Memories of (her full name)*". These memories of her will be precious when she is no longer here to tell me those stories. They will still be here for other generations to share and enjoy. It is really a great thing to add to my family history.]

***Preserving Documented Information.*** I have found newspapers well over 100 years old...ink is oil based and does not fade. Right? Yes and no. All "inks" are not created equal, and in fact, many are not inks at all, but rather plastic compounds. Many people

print photos on their ink jet printer without realizing how temporary this media is. What our writer didn't mention is that even the best color processing methods used today do not have the longevity of the oldest sepia and black and white photos. If you look around, you can still get your B&W film developed using a B&W process, not color. Many "bargain" developers process B&W film using the color process, which reduces its lifespan (and doesn't look as good). Nor did he mention that virtually every photo album sold in the last 30 years literally will 'eat' photos. A shoe-box is far safer than "magnetic" page albums!

When researching archive materials for our old photos, etc., I learned:

Ink Jet: Lifespan about 5 years (info from HP and Epson) regardless of paper type. The ink fades away, even when not subjected to light or heat. This will make a lot of people unhappy a few years from now!

Thermal printer (Alps, Citizen, a couple of others): Lifespan unknown. Based on 'ink' composition (EVA), estimated lifespan is 50-75 years. Ink will not fade, but eventually EVA becomes brittle. (EVA was formerly and is still occasionally used in book-binding.)

Laser printer, laser copier: Officially rated at 30 years, however chemists at HP told me that they really expected the ink to outlast the paper, as the earliest samples of this technology (30 years old) showed no signs of degradation. Acid-free paper is widely and cheaply available. Lifespan should be considered "indefinite."

Color laser, color copier: The same 'ink' as above, however no copier place was able to tell me if they used acid-free paper. I spoke to three manufacturers of the special paper these machines require, and all three said their papers were acid-free. Even if the paper is acidic, the lifespan can be expected to be no less than 100 years, and will last indefinitely if printed on acid-free paper. I use this method for photos emailed to be that I want to keep in the family archives.

Photos: Kodak's top paper and developing process rates photo lifespan at 150 years under "optimal" archive conditions before changes become "objectionable." However, I highly doubt that the Wal-Mart $4.99 special uses the highest grade paper and developing.

Newspapers: Lifespan about 50-75 years when stored correctly. The lifespan can be dramatically increased by the use of a neutralizing spray available from library supply vendors, which reduces (eliminates?) the acidic composition of the paper. Even stored under perfect conditions and untouched, newspaper (not the ink) is so acidic that is will disintegrate by itself.

Don't forget -- even digital compact disks (CDs) go bad for apparently mysterious reasons. Make two copies of any crucial family data!
*Nicole **CASTLE***

***Dating Tombstones.*** Here is some interesting information that was on my **SKINNER**-List...I hope it will be of help to some of you.
*Cindy **KOSTKA***

One way to help find the era your ancestor was buried is to examine the material from which the tombstone is made.

- If your ancestor has a stone made of slate or common fieldstone (except wood used by pioneers), chances are the stone dates from 1796-1830. If the stone is flat-topped hard marble, dates are about 1830-1849.
- If the "mystery" stone is round or pointed soft marble with cursive inscriptions, look for a date of 1845-1868.
- Masonic four-sided stones began in 1850 and are still in use today.
- Pylons, columns and all exotic-style monuments usually mean 1860-1900.
- Zinc monuments date from 1870-1900.
- Granite, now common, came into use about 1900.
- If the writing is too faded to read, use a 75watt black light bulb in any lamp that casts light directly on the written message. The writing will miraculously appear.

And for those with access to the world wide web, here is an interesting link regarding gravestones: http://www.gravestonestudies.org.

# My Grandmother's Era..

## the Story of

## Frankie Louise "Dollie" STEINBECK

*by Shirley **TOOHEY***



**PART 1**

This story of the **STEINBECK** Family, written by HCPD Member and **STEINBECK** descendant, Shirley **TOOHEY**, is presented in three installment. This, the third and last installment, is dedicated to Shirley's Grandmother Frankie Louise "Dollie" **STEINBECK**. *Ed.*

My maternal grandmother Dollie, the 8th child and youngest daughter of Francis and Mollie **STEINBECK** was b. at Alum Bridge, Lewis Co, WV July 9, 1883. She married John Herbert ("Herb") **HAWK** 3 January 1905 just 2 months before her father passed away. Herb was one of 18 children b. 12 November 1881 to John **MARTIN** and Anna Eliza **BOWSER HAWK**. They lived in Fink, WV when their first child, a daughter named Dorothea Virginia was born 5 March 1906. Virginia was 6 years old when her brother Frederick Robert was born, July 15, 1912 in Weston.

Robert was born at the time Dollie, Herb and Virginia were living temporarily with Dollie's brother, Walter while their home was being built in Shadybrook section of Weston.

When Virginia and Robert were about 12 and 6 years old their father went away to the Border War between U.S. and Mexico in Texas. It was soon after this time that Dollie and Herb were divorced and Herb went west to start a new life. Dollie set to work at dressmaking and demonstrated appliances for the Monongahilia West Penn Power Company in the area. She eventually met and married for the 2nd time in 1922, James Claude **JARRETT** (1893-1960) son of Thomas and Addie **BAKER JARRETT**.

Herb **HAWK,** who was b. 21 Nov 1881, married as his second wife Minnie **BESS ROGERS.** They had several children. He lived out his life in the Texas, Oklahoma area and passed away 27th March 1953 in Wynnewood, OK.

Dollie and Claude, as he was known, raised Virginia and Robert until they were of age to leave home. Dollie was much a part of her children and grandchildren's lives. Virginia and her husband Emerson Linsey **MORGAN** who had m. in Ripley, NY 12 September 1926 were living in the Erie, PA area in late 20s, 30s, and early 40s. Two daughters were b. in Erie. Roberta Jean (Bobbie) December 1927 and Shirley Virginia b. June 1931. When the **MORGAN** family made a change to CA in 1946, Dollie and Claude eventually sold in WV and moved to CA to be near Virginia's family.

F. Robert "Bob" **HAWK** m. Charlotte **DAYTON** 29 August 1938 in Maryland. They lived in Clarksburg, WV early part of their marriage where two daughters were born.

After Robert's WWII Naval duty tour ended, he moved his family to Wichita, KS where he followed the same line of business he had been in Clarksburg, WV; that being an insurance agent. Robert opened his own successful agency in Wichita.

Claude passed away at home in Rialto, CA. November 1960 of heart problems. He was buried in the Rialto Park Cemetery. Dollie lived on for 17 years to see her great grandchildren marry and have children. She passed away 28 December 1977 in a San Bernardino, CA hospital due to complications of pneumonia at the age of 94. She was interred next to Claude in the Rialto Park Cemetery, Rialto, CA.

The 9th child and youngest **STEINBECK** son was Walter D. who married Deskey **DOUGLASS** daughter of Alvin **DOUGLASS** and Dora **WOOFTER**, 17 May 1914. They made their home on Pratt Ave., Weston for all their married years. Walter was a postal employee who started out delivering mail on horseback and at retirement had a window job at the Weston Post Office. There was one son William Douglas b. on 28 October 1915. After a long life of Masonic membership and Methodist church work, Walter passed away 28 March 1981 and is buried at Weston Masonic Cemetery next to Deskey who had departed 27 February 1964. William had moved to Midland, TX, worked for Phillips Petroleum, married and passed away 29 July 1996. He left a widow Maria Luisa **ANAYA** whom he married 4 September 1954 and step daughter Bertha and 3 grandchildren.

Dollie had many cousins who need to be mentioned here. Perhaps we should start with Sarah and Enoch **THORNTON WITHERS** children. This family is vast and could fill a book. In fact there is a publication for the **WITHERS** family "floating" out there someplace.

Alexander (named no doubt for his paternal grand father) was born about 1847 in VA before Sarah and Enoch went to TX as he appears on the 1850 VA census, age 2.

Alexander **WITHERS** m. Mary **DAVISSON** and there was a daughter named Laura b. ca 1870. Alexander died before 1935, exact date not known at this time. Laura married twice, the first 1890 Emanuel **SINES** and 2nd Aleck **BENNETT**. With Emanuel **SINES** there were 5 children, namely: Edith, Lloyd, Dollie and Hattie (twins) and Clarence. There are no known children from the 2nd marriage.

Edith **SINES** married a Foster **WAUGH** and had about 9 children: Oscar, Norman, Elsie, Celia, Lola, Denzie, Geraldine, Eugene, and Herbert. Lloyd never married. Dollie m. Tillman **PECK** and had children Helen, Roscoe, Christine, Patty Ann, Ellis Clyde, Ralph and Louis Jean. Hattie M. Robert **LUGARER** and we know of no children. Clarence **SINES** m. Marjorie **CAWTHON** and there were 3 children listed Clarence, Linda Sue and John Hugh.

Alexander's brother, Howard **WITHERS,** b. ca 1856 TX was a teacher at Rock Cave, WV. Lina Ann **BENNETT** was his bride and he also died before 1935. Their children were Pearl who m. Bert **BROWN**; William m. Ora **HAYNES**; Scott m. Versa **JARVIS**; Robert m. Mildred **HULL**; Oren m. Edna **MEALEY**; Fred b. 20 March 1903 Upshur Co, m. Beatrice **SHOBE** 15 September 1924. Fred died 5 August 1969. Also, Florence m. Emery **JARVIS**; Edna M. Cooper **BLACK** and Emma M. Earl **CRAWFORD.**

Emma and Earl **CRAWFORD** had 9 children: Erma who m. John **PRATT**; Clarence **CRAWFORD**'s wife may have been Denzel with 2 ch. Betty Lou and Bonnie Sue; Ada who m. Cecil **BOXI**; Vivian who m. John **WHELAN**; Morris m. unknown; Opal m. Glen **TAYLOR**; Earl, Annabelle and Eugene **CRAWFORD**'s marital status not known.

Fred **WITHERS** b. 20 March 1903 m. Beatrice Virginia **SHOBE** (1906-1994) 15 September 1924 Buckhannon, WV and d. 5 August 1969 Lost Creek, Harrison Co, WV had 3 children named Frederick Marion b. 2 December 1925 Upshur Co, WV. d. 1945; Harvey Scot b. 29 October 1929 Fairmont, Marion Co, WV m. Deloros **DICEGLIE** and Richard Harley b. 18 March 1937, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV m. Judith **PHILLIPS**, (1) and Josie **JENKINS** (2).

Enoch Scott, Sarah and Enoch **THORNTON WITHERS'** son b. TX in 1859, was a minister and married Bertie **CROOK**, b. 1869 d. 1953. Bertie and Enoch known as Scott, had a daughter named Ada. Ada **WITHERS** m. and became Mrs. Ada **FRANKHOUSER** of College Park, Md. There were 3 daughters from this union.

Most of the **WITHERS** family history was collected and shared by Herbert **HALL**, Dollie's nephew who passed away in 1990.

Christian and Araminta **STEINBECK'S** son, Ulyssus Grant **STEINBECK** and wife Effie had 8 children. The birth/death dates have not all been established. As we progress with this history, perhaps I shall discover some more definite dates.

Warren Sr. was listed first with a wife Viola and then a second wife Lillian. There are no dates available at the time of this writing, but there were 2 children by Viola, namely Warren Jr. and Twila **STEINBECK** who married a **HILL**.

Esta was married to Elmer **DAVIS** and died 24 January 1994 leaving no children. Merle H. born 7 July 1896 in Warren, OH m. Elva M. **KROHN** (b. May 25, 1895) May 25, 1914. Merle died April 30, 1961 just a few days after Elva's death date of March 27, 1961.

Merle and Elva's children were Robert O. b. 5 December 1915, d. January 1950, wife Ann and no children. Doris Jean b. 14 October 1919, d. November 1986, 1st husband Robert **WENTZ** and 2nd, ???? **MINKLER**. Perry M. b.17 March 1930 who married Jane **HULL**. Their were four children, and Perry died September 1987.

Merle and Elva **STEINBECK**'s 4th and Youngest child is James R. who married and there are four children.

Grant and Effie **STEINBECK**'s daughter Elsie and husband, Fred **McCLUER** had a daughter Mary Alyce who m. a ???? **CARPER** (1st) and Gene **MORGAN** (2nd). Their son William m. a Doris ????, Joyce ????, and Kitty ????.

Gail **STEINBECK**'s birth date is unknown but he married Zeta (1st) and Elizabeth (2nd). Gail's children are Joann, Gail Dean, Barbara, William, by his first wife Zeta and Donald who m. Dorothy **HAZLETT** and Marilyn who married Bob **SMITH** by his 2nd wife.

Ulyssus Grant and Effie's son Cecil Grant **STEINBECK**, Sr. b. 1909 m. Florence Pauline **McCLELLAN** 8 February 1927. Cecil Grant died 24 February 1974. There were 3 daughters and 1 son born to this union.

Perry Granvil **STEINBECK**, son of Christian and Araminta **STEINBECK**, and wife Ella **McCOY** parented 4 daughters, namely Myrtle **STEINBECK** b.? d 1972 m. Ballard **BUCK**; Ethel **STEINBECK** b.?, m. ???? **ROBERTS**; Dona **STEINBECK** b. 1895, m. Neal ????; and Hettie b. 1898, d 1988 m. C.H. **INGRAM**. Their 3 children were Charles H. **INGRAM**, Virginia **INGRAM** who m. twice, men with names of **SNYDER** and **HAMMRIC**; and Mildred **INGRAM** whose married name is **WEBB**.

Christian and Araminta **STEINBECK's** next born son was Louis Otmer (1873-1947) who with his wife Elsie **CONLEY** raised a daughter Edith Rosalie b. 1897 Roane Co, WV, who married Wm. J. **BRITT** (1897-1977); and a son, Criss Freer b. (1898-1963) who chose Ruth Ann **KELLEY** (1903-1969) to be his wife. He was born in Kanawha Co, WV and attended Bingham Military School in N.C. Was a **WWI** veteran. Also was the father of a cousin who has done so much research on the **STEINBECK** family.

Edith and William **BRITT** had 3 daughters.

That brings the author to a cousin who has been very supportive and in fact with his correspondence many years ago, inspired her to get involved with the family history. Criss Freer (Jack) **STEINBECK** Jr. was born 13 July, 1922 in Charleston, WV, served in WWII as Army Air Force Pilot. He met and married Etta Jo **LONG** (affectionately known to us as Jo) b. 7 October 1925 in Greenville, Texas, on 21 June 1945. They raised 2 daughters and have 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. Jo died on March 26, 1999 in West Virginia.

William Kelley **STEINBECK**, Criss' brother, was b. 1925, m. to Winifred **BRADLEY** and is a retired dental lab owner. They have 3 children.

George William and Tillie **BUSH STEINBECK'S** first child may have been born and died in TX before they journeyed back to WV about 1871. The first of their large family shown on the 1880 WV census was a son John W. b. 4 February 1872. John married Blanche **JARVIS** about 1892. The author's mother Virginia **HAWK MORGAN** said Blanche **JARVIS** was her teacher in Weston, probably in Shadybrook. John and Blanche had a daughter Ouita b. 1893 and d. 1908.

After much sleuthing, it was found that John W. **STEINBECK** had been Mayor of Weston, Lewis Co, WV years 1909 and 1910. His salary was $33.33 per year. This checks out then with the obit of his sister Alma, which stated she had a brother Mayor **STEINBECK!**

George and Tillie's 2nd living son shown on 1880 census was Henry b. 13 March 1874. There is a "story" that Henry got in trouble as a young lad and was helped by Grandfather Henry which resulted in his name being changed to Warren **DENT**. Warren lived in the Cleveland, OH area in his later years and had married a lady named Anna and they had no children. He was owner of the well known door-to-door tea and spice company, of those days - Jewel Tea Company. According to his nephew, Henry (Warren) died a wealthy man.

George and Tillie's 3rd son was listed as "Early" on the 1880 Census and Earl Capito **STEINBECK** age 24, b. 29 March 1876 WV per 1900 census. He married Blanche **THORNHILL** (b. 20 December 1878) 4 July 1900. Frank Thornhill **STEINBECK**, their first child/son was born July 1901. At age 8 Frank became hearing impaired which followed him throughout his lifetime. He m. Leola (Sadie) **CARTER**. Frank passed away 20 January 1971 in Warren, OH and Leola d. 11 March 1971.

Earl and Blanche **STEINBECK'S** only daughter Mary Pearl was b.2 November 1904 d. September 1938. She m. Frederick Mont **DARLING** (1897-1958) and had 4 children.

Earl William Jr. was b. 2 July 1907. At age 13 he contacted polio. On 2 November 1935 he m. Alice Pamelia **WILLIAMS** (5 February 1912-February 1994), had 5 children and died 12 January 1971 (few days before his brother) in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Blanche **THORNHILL STEINBECK** gave birth to son Leroy G. 1 February 1916, "in the **STEINBECK** family barn on his grandparents farm" Lewis County, WV. Leroy and Miriam Helen **SHER** were married 16 April 1938 and raised 4 children.

George and Tillie's daughter Alma was b. 11 September 1878 and was married to Hugh **KAYSER (KYSER)**. Per Lewis Co obits 1910-1919 Weston Democrat Paper, Alma died at her home in Weston of Tuberculosis 12 January 1910. It was noted Alma may have had one child. The same article stated she was sister to Mayor **STEINBECK**.

It appears George and Tillie had a stillborn son b.17 September 1880 who was named Frank. There was a Frank W. **STEINBECK** buried in Machpelah Cemetery row 218 along side of Tillie **BUSH** b. ca 1853 with no death date and George William **STEINBECK** b. 30 May 1843 death 18 August 1903. Also in this row a Hallie G. b ca 1893 with no burial date, and George W. b. ca 1882 with no other dates.

Howard M. **STEINBECK** b. 5 May 1885 WV, appears on the 1900 WV census as the 15 year old son of George and Tillie. Howard married Georgia **HOUGHTON.** The Weston Democrat paper 18 December 1931 edition lists Mrs. Howard **STEINBECK** of Elwood City, PA died in a hospital there, age 50. She was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. **HOUGHTON** who lived in Weston. Survivors were husband Howard, and 2 children, John **STEINBECK** of Pittsburgh, and Ellen. A brother Bayard **HOUGHTON**, and sisters Mrs. **ESTELLE FISHER**, Miss Mayme **HOUGHTON**, and Mrs. Norvel **GEE** all of Weston. Services were held with internment at Masonic Cemetery.

Howard and Georgia's daughter, Ellen's married name was **EPPARD** and she had twins named Ruth and Ray.

Ina **STEINBECK** was George and Tillie's 2nd daughter, b. Oct. 1888 WV. She married Ira **CULP** and was living in Phalanx, Ohio in 1925.

George and Tillie's son, Maple Ray (Doc) **STEINBECK** was b. in WV 14 September 1891 and 9th of 11 children. Jane **LEATHERBURY** of Las Vegas, NV is Ray's daughter. She has been helping the author with various lines of the family. Jane remembers her father disliked the name Maple so used M. Ray all his life.

Jane visited a graveyard and Methodist Church in Bosqueville, TX with her father in 1953. A celebration for the 100th year of the church founded by **STEINBECK** family was being held. Jane shared the **STEINBECK** stones with names and dates from the cemetery near Waco.

Ray **STEINBECK** married Julia **BLANCH** Lewis 24 April 1916. Two children, Jane Elizabeth b. 20 March 1917 in Barberton, Ohio, and Robert Arnold b. 29th December 1925 were born to this union.

Cousin Jane has shared her very interesting life with me. She m. ???? **KNOX** who was the father of her 3 children.

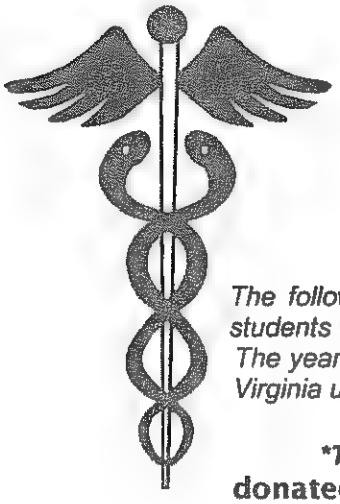
Jane's brother Robert Arnold **STEINBECK** married Marilyn **MERKERT** 18 October 1953 and had 4 sons and 1 daughter. They lived in Pismo Beach, CA when he passed away 20 March 1987 and where his widow still resides.

Hallie **STEINBECK**, b. 21 March 1893 was Tillie's last daughter. Born in WV she was listed on the 1900 WV census as being 7 years of age and b. WV. It appears she may never have married.

Gordon H. b. 30 September 1896 in WV. He m. Irene ???? and died at a young age. Irene was very upset and died soon after in a house fire. There were no children from this union. Jane remembers Gordon well, a favorite uncle.

This is the story of my **STEINBECK** family as I knew it when I wrote this saga in November 2000.

*Shirley* ***TOOHEY***



# WHO HAVE ENROLLED

## IN THE MEDICAL SCHOOL

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*The following list, continued from earlier issues of the Journal, gives the names* of the students who have enrolled in the West Virginia University Medical School from 1902-1962. The year of entrance and the place of residence is also given. Addresses are all in WEST Virginia unless otherwise indicated. This list is not indexed at the end of this Issue of HCJ.*

****The names listed are those used when the student registered.*** **This list was donated to HCPD by Mary SLEETH CREAMER, in memory of her father, Clark Kendall SLEETH.**

Simon, Philip
1947, Charleston

Simonofsky, Jo J (Simons), 1920
Cleveland, OH

Sims, Thomas C
1934, Fayetteville

Sincel, Charles A
1912, Grafton

Sinclair, William P
1951, Wheeling

Sine, George W
1938
New Martinsville

Sisler, Wade H
1916
Morgantown

Skaff, Victor S
1934,
Charleston

Skaggs, Joseph T
1943,
Montgomery

Skarzinski, Stanley J
1921,
Monongah

Skerrett, Victor
1929, Cayguas, PR

Skitarelic, Benedict
1937, Wheeling

Slate, Thomas A
1933
Hollidays Cove

Slaughter, James F., 1940
Charleston

Sleeth, Clark K
1933,
Morgantown

Sloan, Alexander M., 1955
Clarksburg

Slotkin, Robert N., 1962
Lancaster, PA

Smail, William C
1929, Fairmont

Smith, Amos E
1905,
MORGANtown

Smith, Barry M
1959
Charles Town

Smith, Carl W
1915
Princeton

Smith, Charles E., Jr.
1959
Charleston

Smith, Charles M
1930
Huntington

Smith, Charles W
1933

Philippi

Smith, Clifford A
1904
Meadville

Smith, Clyde A
1930
Rainelle

Smith, David D
1950
Logan

Smith, David E
1959
Bluefield

Smith, Edgar A
1929
Morgantown

Smith, Emma J
1950
Lost Creek

Smith, Etley P
1903
Kenova

Smith, Gene H
1945
Morgantown

Smith, Harry A
1930
Wheeling

Smith, Harry C
1941
Clay

Smith, Howard H
1906, Butler, PA

Smith, Joseph A
1946, Sutton

Smith, Larry C
1952, Crum

Smith, Mendel W
1933
Masontown

Smith, Robert J
1936, Marlinton

Smouse, William R
1951, Fairmont

Snaith, Theresa O
1918, Weston

Snead, Claude R
1936,
Whitesville

Snyder, James L
1957, Crumpler

Snyder, Thomas M
1938, Roanoke

Solan, George M
1951,
Moorefield

Solomon, Charles
1823, Windber, PA

Southern, Donald E
1960,
Williamson

Sowers, Edward F
1939,
Morgantown

Sowers, Frank F
1923, Landgraff

Spargo, James E., Jr.
1936, Wheeling

Speck, Myron
1928
Youngstown, OH

Spelsberg, Walter
1921
Clarksburg

SPENCEr, James D
1925
Mannington

Sperandeo, John J., 1931
New York, NY

Sperling, Harry E
1907
Swanton, OH

Spero, Gerald D
1920
Youngstown, OH

Spiggle, Wayne C. 1957
Davis

Sponaugle, Harlan D
1957, Franklin

Spotts, Oscar F
1934
Keyser

Spurgeon, Bronald A
1934
Morgantown

Squires, Russell D., 1942
Fairmont

Staats, Beverly R W., 1930
Charleston

Staats, Charles E
1930
Charleston

Staats, Dwight E
1925, Ripley

Staats, Roydice
1924, Ripley

Stacks, Donald P
1954, Welch

Staeck, Felix C
1920
McMechen

Stanley, Laban P
1924
Kleen Koal

Stansbury, Fred, Jr.
1943
McDaniel

Starcher Everett H
1921
Ripley

Starcher, Harold E
1922
Ripley

Stark, Thomas H
1953
Huntington

Stark, Ward
1906
Elkins

Starkey, Archie L
1923
Wallace

Starr, Richard G
1948
Glen MORGAN

Steel, James H
1927
Bluefield

Steele, Arden G
1935
Parkersburg

Steele, James L
1958
Bartley

Steele, Paul D
1921
Apollo, PA

Steenbergen, John H
1904
Pt. Pleasant

Steindorf, Eleanor L
1934
Wheeling

Steiner, Starling D
1932
Follansbee

Steinfeld, Benjamin
1934
Wheeling

Stemply, Larry J
1960
Philippi

Stemple, Margaret L:
1936
Morgantown

Stenger, Leo E
1919
Morgantown

Stephens, Pete L
1958, Weirton

Stephens, Richard S
1944, Bluefield

Sterret, James McA
1931
Beaver Falls, PA

Stevens, J Thompson
1911
Glen Falls, NY

Stevens, Richard J
1931, Huntington

Stevens, Roy J
1959, Morgantown

Stewart, Alice H
1929, Frame

Stewart, Charles V., Jr., 1960, Mullens

Stewart, James K
1925, Wheeling

Stewart, Vance T
1936,
Huntington

Stiff, McHenry L, III
1945, Roanoke, VA

Stilphen, Harry L
1908, Gardiner, ME

Stimmell, Frederic N
1962, Fairmont

Stockdale, Donald K
1944,
Morgantown

Stockhammer, Raymond J
1909
New York, NY

Stockhammer, Stanley F., 1923
New York, NY

Stokes, Julian B
1916, Hall

Stone, Robert E
1951, Logan

Stone, Samuel M
1934, Coal Fork

Stoolfire, Arthur W
1943, Valley Grove

Stork, Alfred R
1931,
Charleston

Stoup, Francis H
1922
Valencia, PA

Stout, Benjamin M
1917
Clarksburg

Stout, David J
1948
Lost Creek

Stout, Wallace C
1945, Delta, OH

Stovall, Richard L., 1956
Princeton

Strader, William R., 1932
Bluefield

Straley, David B
1954,
Baileysville

Straney, Charles N., 1956
Weirton

Stratton, James D., 1933
Wheeling

Strickland, Leonard N
1929
Strange Creek

Strickland, Samuel A
1962
Summersville

Strobel, George E., 1928
Cameron

Strother, Arnold E., 1954
Clarksburg

Stubbs, Bernard F
1951
Wheeling

Stuck, William H
1934
Newburg

Stupar, Ronald K
1962
MORGANtown

Stutz, William J
1919
New Castle, PA

Stutzman, Leon
1943
Shepherdstown

Summers, Jackie L
1962
Clarksburg

Summers, John E
1946
Fairmont

Summers, Roy R
1923
Clendenin

Sutton, Myrwood N
1931
Wheeling

Swan, John R
1929
Bird's Run, OH

Swan, Reo M
1927
Bird's Run, OH

Swartz, Donald R
1959
Morgantown

Swing, Anna T
1930
Rainelle

Tabor, Richard H
1948
Charleston

Tagliavia, Anthony
1924
Brooklyn, NY

Talbot, Richard B
1920
Elkins

Talbot, Samuel F
1917
Morgantown

Talbott, Ralph E
1928
Philippi

Talkington, David L
1903
Sistersville

Tallman, Terry T
1959
Alma

Taylor, Errett R
1903
MORGANtown

Taylor, Isaiah E
1932
Huntington

Taylow, Isaiah W
1907
Godfrey

Taylor, Leonard E
1952
Princeton

Taylor, Sally L
1961
Alloy

Tchenski, Adam L
(Shinn)
1925, Fairmont

Teagarden, Ersie V
1922, Cameron

Teagarden, John L
1931, Burton

Temeles, Roy S
1943, Weirton

Terezis, Nick L
1952, Wheeling

Thacker,
Charles W
1943, Philippi

Theiss, John O
1918,
Ravenswood

Thel, Henry C
1923, Aliquippa,
PA

Thiers, George F
1943, Hollidays
Cove

Thomas, Warren
E
1925, Niles, OH

Thomasson,
Leslie H, 1934,
Ansted

Thompson, Alex
G
1930, Mt. Hope

Thompson,
Archie C
1942,
Charleston

Thompson, C
Truman
1926,
Morgantown

Thompson,
Edward H., 1961
Williamson

Thompson,
Harvey J
1942, Princeton

Thompson,
James
1914
Morgantown

Thompson,
James A
1943
Clarksburg

Thompson,
Richard M
1959
Beckley

Thompson,
Robert G. 1933
Three Churches

Thornbury,
James H., 1932
Man

Thornhill,
William A., Jr.
1929,
Charleston

Thornton,
Frederick E
1928
Morgantown

Thrasher, Elliott
L., 1933
Bridgeport

Thrasher, Elliott
L., Jr., 1962
Sistersville

Tickle, Thomas
G., 1911
Bluefield

Tolley, Gary M
1957
Huntington

Tomblyn, Ethel
A., 1930
Flemington

Tompkins,
Grover R., 1959
Charleston

Toompas, Charles A
1938, Clarksburg

Toothman, Clara J.,
1961
Parkersburg

Topper, John A
1931
Hyndman, PA

Toria, David I
1924
Pittsburgh, PA

Torruellas, Severo R
1922
Cayguas, PA

Townsend, Clarende
V
1944
Martinsburg

Townsend, Milford F
1938
Philippi

Towson, Charles E
1921
Fairmont

Towson, Ira G
1921
Fairmont

Trach, John P
1927
Fairmont

Traugh, George H.,
Jr.
1955
Fairmont

Trax, David L
1929
Warren, PA

Trinkle, Sarabeth
1953
Weston

Triplett, William C
1934

St. Marys

Troilo, Camillo T
1926
Pittsburgh, PA

Trotter, John H
1927
Morgantown

Trotter, Robert R
1938
MORGANtown

Trowbridge, Arthur A., Jr.
1962
Morgantown

Trump, Frank M
1917
Martinsburg

Tsorvas, George P
1933
Belle

Tucker, Eldon B
1917
Morgantown

Tucker, Eldon B., Jr.
1942
Morgantown

Tucker, John W
1943
Morgantown

Tucker, John W
1923
Morgantown

Tuckwiller, Jesse R
1906, Lewisburg

Tuckwiller, Pat A
1924, Morgantown

Tully, Carl C
1942, Charleston

Tuning, Archie B
1930, McDonald, PA

Turbessi, Albert J
1961, Chester

Turner, Charles E
1959,
Huntington

Unbel, Isaac W
1902, Glade Farms

Underwood, John H
1916, Lost Creek

Underwood, Silas C
1907, Wellsburg

Upchurch, Marian L
1962,
Huntington

Vacher, John M
1962, Fairmont

Vacheresse, Edward
1929, Wheeling

Valentine, Albert M
1947,
morgantown

VanCamp, Oliver C
1918,
Sistersville

VanGilder, John C
1957, Sutton

VanHorn, Karl L
1929,
Morgantown

VanMeter, Robert S
1921,
Martinsburg

VanReenan, Albert C., 1920,
Onoto

VanWerden, Benjamin D
1930
Leon, IA

VanWinkle, Charles E
1957
Charleston

VanWinkle, Glenn F
1950
Charleston

Varga, Julius
1945
New York, NY

Varner, Philip H
1934
Morgantown

Vass, Therman E
1909, Bluefield

Vaughan, Edwin O., 1924
Willow Bend

Vaughan, John W., 1959
St. Albans

Vaughan, Paul E
1936
Fraziers Bottom

Vaupel, George E., 1939
Moundsville

Vermillion, Frederick
1931, Princeton

Vermillion, James S
1928, Welch

Vermillion, Thomas U
1931, Athens

Vest, James C
1940, Whitesville

Vieweg, George L., Jr., 1931
Wheeling

Viggiano, Michael A
1930
Yonkers, NY

Vilseck, Joseph R., 1962
Uniontown, PA

Vinall, Sidney A
1959, Wheeling

Vivas, Jose R
1930
Orocovis, PR

Wade, Franklin G., 1941
Wellsburg

Wagner, Martin L., 1903
Toronto, OH

Wald, Samuel T
1935
Hinton

Walden, George W
1923
Huntington

Walker, James W
1928
Southwest, PA

Walker, Robert E
1931
Huntington

Walker, William N., Jr.
1943

Bridgeport

Walker, William W
1919
Winona

Walkup, Homer A
1908
Falling Springs

Wall, Charles L
1934
Rainelle

Wallace, David E
1959
Madison

Wallace, J Alfred
1932
Huntington

Wallace, Richard C.,
1943
Charleston

Wallach, Robert
1926
New York, NY

Walter, Austin J
1925
Elm Grove
Walter, Robert D
1929
Wheeling

Walters, Ota
Gertrude, 1913
Grafton

Wamsley, James W
1903, Harrisville

Wamsley, William E
1931, Follansbee

Wanamaker, John
1910, Leechburg,
PA

Wanger, H
Alexander, 1962
Shepherdstown

Wanger, Nancy S
1962,
Shepherdstown

Wanger, William
H
1957,
Shepherdstown

Ward, Arthur N
1962, Fairmont

Ward, Charles B
1943
Morgantown

Ward, Kenneth V
1955, Piedmont

Warden, Jacob G
1940,
Wardensville

Warden, Paul P
1913, Grafton

Warman, Wilton
M
1926,
Morgantown

Warnock, Jack W
1943

Warrick, Richard
A
1934,
Morgantown

Waterman,
David J., Jr.,
1942, Wheeling

Watkins, Charles
E
1931, Grafton

Watkins, David
A
1958,
Buckhannon

Watkins, David
1924
Buckhannon

Watring, Watson
G
1958
Beverly

Watson, Clyde E
1903
Kingwood

Watson, Paul V
1960
Charleston

Watson, Robert J
1961
Gary

Weaver, Archie
C
1905
Morgantown

Weaver, William
T
1954
Welch

Weber, Edward F
1927
Ronceverte

Weier, Thomas E
1961, Bluefield

Weiler, Howard
G., 1923
Huntington

Weiler, Robert R
1955
Wheeling

Weimer, George
A
1948
Bethany

Weisberg,
Edward S
1959
Charleston

Weisman,
Stephen
1932
Brunswick, NJ

Weiss, William H
1943
Fairmont

Wells, Charles J
1953
Princeton

Wells, George C
1930, Charleston

Wells, Hawey A., Jr.,
1955
Athens

Wells, Samuel R
1924
New Martinsville

Weltner, Fred P
1910
Brandonville

Welton, William A.,
1919
Petersburg

Wershbole, Elijah J
(Weller)
1938
Hollidays Cove

West, Wilk O
1951
Princeton

Westfall, Arlie H
1951
Enterprise

Westfall, Wilbur W
1921
Walkersville

Wetzel, Ralph H
1931
West Union

Wharton, Ray H
1919
New Martinsville

Wheeler, George P
1909
Clay

White, C M Carroll
1904
St. John,
Newfoundland

White, David L
1957
Morgantown

White, Enoch W., Jr.,
1942
Jane Lew

White, James F
1919
Morgantown

White, Stanley R
1920
Morgantown

Whitehair, Marshall
L
1954
Martinsburg

Whitlock, John W.,
1930
Charleston

Whittaker, William B
1956
Dunbar

Wickham, James R
1956
Grafton

Widmeyer, Robert S
1921
Martinsburg

Wildman, Harvey E
1942
Fairmont

Wiles, George R C
1929, Charleston

Wiles, Isaiah A
1932, Tunnelton

Wiley, Conrad W
1956, Princeton

Wiley, James
Hugh
1949, Logan

Wilkerson,
James E
1960,
Whitesville

Wilkinson,
Bernard W.,
1925, Shinnston

Wilkinson,
Darrell D
1925, Shinnston

Wilkinson,
Joseph E
1912, Princeton

Williams, David
H
1945,
Cleveland, OH

Williams,
Lawrence A.,
1855
Morgantown

Williams, Patrick
C
1954, White
Sulphur Springs

Williams,. Roy E
1930, East Bank

Williams,
Samuel H
1930, East
Palestine, OH

Williams,
William T
1943, Beckley

Willis, Robert F
1947, East Bank

WILSON,
Frederick M
1933, Marlinton

WILSON, George
D
1933
Wellsburg

WILSON, John S
1928
Hickory, PA

WILSON, Paul R
1920
Parsons

Wingfield,
Richard W
1948
Elkins

Wingfield,
Robert C
1944
Elkins

Winkler, Charles
P
1951
Ronceverte

Winkler, Henry J
1920
Pickens

Winkler,
Moseley H
1951
Ronceverte

Wise, Charles D
1948, Milton

Wise, Herbert B
1926,
Charleston

Withers, Donald
E., 1949
Fairmont

Wolfe, Walter W
1956
Parkersburg

Wolford, Keith H
1959, Romney

Wolpert, Milton
1925
Charleston

Wolverton, James
H., 1934
Piedmont

Wood, Cecil K
1949, Bridgeport

Woodford, James R
1930, Philippi

Woodford, James W
1962, Philippi

Woodford, Rachel L
1937, Elkins

Woodford, Thomas
L
1929, Philippi

Woodhull, Robert
B., 1932
Morgantown

Woodrum, Anne J.,
1955
Cedar Grove

Woodrum, Jack D
1948
Bellepoint

Woods, Charon R
1961
Mullens

Work, William F
1922
Blue Creek

Wotring, James E
1947
Morgantown

Wotring, Robert W., Jr.
1951
Coalwood

Wray, Everett B
1930
Glen White

Wright, Eugene O
1934
Morgantown

Wright, Samuel J
1902
Ceredo

Wright, Thomas J
1937
Clarksburg

Wright, William B
1930
Burnt House

Wylie, Ward
1924
Glace

Wymer, Merrill F
1961
Jane Lew

Wymer, Ralph M
1937
New Concord, OH

Wysong, Robert G
1944
Clarksburg

Yanowske, Felix
1906
Long Acre

Pyles, John W
1922
New Martinsville

Yeager, George H
1925, Sabraton

Yeager, William R
1926,
Parkersburg

Yoho, Alan V'1950
Grafton

Yoho, David E
1942,
Moundsville

Yost, Paul
1921, Fairmont

Young, Harold B
1934, :Pine Grove

Young, Harold G
1921,
Moundsville

Young, Harry L
1936,
Thurmond

Young, James R
1962,
Charleston

Young, John P., Jr.
1938,
Clarksburg

Young, Mattie L
1949
Charleston

Young, Ralph A
1931
Clarksburg

Young, Richard W
1931
Buckhannon

Young, Robert G
1959
Montgomery

Yount, Carl C
1907
Morgantown

Yurko, Anthony A
1928
Hollidays Cove

Yurko, Anthony A
1957
Weirton

Zaidan, James G
1934
Mt. Pleasant, PA

Zakaib, Edward A., 1958,
Charleston

Zando, Sixtus
1928.,
Williamson

Zekan, John G
1943. BrowNton

Zeller, Charles A
1923, Dalton, PA

Zepp, Edwin A
1938
Martinsburg

Zerner, Herbert
1920
New York, NY

Zimmerman, John H., 1931
Clarksburg

Zinn, Lynwood D.,
1933
Glenville

Zinn, Ralph H
1923
Morgantown

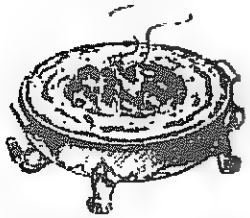
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## AUTHENTIC WEST VIRGINIA RECIPES

Welcome to the first journal completed by Sharon **VIELLENAVE** and Rosie **SHEETS**, with help by Perry **BRAKE**. I thought it would be fun to do something a little different to the journal and add a splash of culture to it. And, what better way than to start with food. We all know how great home cooked food is in West Virginia and how important it is for families to sit down to the table and enjoy good food and company, so each journal I will feature a couple of recipes that originate from West Virginia. You can try them and let us know how they were, or just collect them. At any rate, I hope you will enjoy this section of the journal.

I'm starting this new trend with a well known West Virginia favorite, Ramps, and if anyone wishes to submit a recipe, please send it to Sharon **VIELLENAVE**, email at coolfish3@tds.net; Snailmail at 184 W Woodhaven Drive, Kingsland, GA 31548.



### BREAKFAST CASSEROLE WITH RAMPS

Linda **ARCHIE** donated this recipe
1lb pork sausage (a good quality one without too much fat is best)
4 eggs
2 cups grated Cheddar Cheese
2 cups milk
15 ramps, chopped
10 potatoes, sliced

In skillet fry sausage, stirring as it fries. In a bowl, beat eggs, add milk and set aside. In large baking dish, layer potatoes, sausage and chopped ramps. Pour egg and milk mixture over layers. Top with grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until potatoes are tender.
Serves 6.

The following is a recipe from Velta **WALKER DENNISON** (Mrs. James L.) as passed down to her daughter, Freda **DENNISON COX**, and on to her daughter Sandra **COX SHRADER:**

**Ammonia Cookies**

2 eggs
2 cups white sugar
1 cup Crisco
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tablespoon baking powder
3 bottle lemon oil (original recipe calls for 1 bottle)
but my family uses three (3) small bottles
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons baking ammonia
5 1/2 to 6 cups flour

Beat with mixer eggs, sugar and Crisco until light and fluffy
Add 1/2 cup of the milk and mix
Dissolve ammonia in the other 1/2 cup of milk
Stir into creamed mixture
Add the remaining ingredients and mix

Roll into balls and flatten with fork (dip fork into flour to keep from sticking) on cookie sheet (grease if older pan is used)
Sprinkle colored sugar on top (if desired)
Bake at 350 degrees 10 to 12 minutes

These keep for ages in an air- tight container in the refrigerator. They freeze great too!

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ORIGINAL RECIPE (which I am told makes a bushel)

1 cup lard
2 1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 pint sweet milk
4 teasp baking powders
1 teasp lemon flavoring
3 tablespoons ammonia (dissolved in milk)

Make dough stiff as can knead
Roll thin

These were called by some "lemon crackers" when they were rolled thin and cut into squares after baking.

The ammonia can be bought in drug stores in West Virginia; oil of lemon is kept in the pharmacy or at customer service (I am told this is because the bottles are small and tend to disappear).

**Preponderance of Evidence**
A "preponderance of evidence" is established when there is no direct evidence of a fact, but a number of primary sources of information lead the researcher to the same conclusion.
Provided by **Linda Myers.**

# THE BENNETT - TOWNSEND CONNECTION

*by Abby **SKIDMORE***

Taylor **TOWNSEND** of Bath County.Va. married Miss Elizabeth **MacAVOY**. They had two sons. Charles Robert Hamilton, or R. H., was our grandfather. He was born April 28, 1828 in Bath County, VA. He died January 13, 1916 in Clarksburg WV at the age of 87 yrs, 8 months, 16 days. He was living with his youngest daughter, Mrs. Nellie **WATSON** in Clarksburg, WV when on crossing from one street over to the other side he fell in front of a car which hit and fatally injured him. He lived only a few days. Burial was in Hamrick Cemetery, Webster Springs, WV.

He came from Bath County, VA to Lewis County, WV where he met Rebecca **BENNETT.** They were married September 12, 1849. Her birthday was July 16, 1829. In 1872, they moved from Lewis County to Nicholas County where they had a farm. Ten years later (1882) they sold their farm and moved to Addison, now known as Webster Springs, Webster County. For several years they operated a hotel during summer months. The house was full of tourists who came by wagon over narrow mountains roads to drink and take baths in the salt sulphur water. In later years a narrow gage railroad was built from Holly Junction up Elk River over the mountains to Webster Springs, where by that time there were six hotels.

Rebecca **BENNETT TOWNSEND** died October 12, 1897. She was the daughter of David **BENNETT** and Jane **STUART BENNETT.** Jane, along with her brother, had run away from Scotland to keep from marrying a man she didn't love...her parents had been forcing her to marry him.

David **BENNETT** and Jane **STUART BENNETT** had the following children: daughters Rebecca **BENNETT**, Abigail **BENNETT** who married a man by name of **CARPER**, from Beverley, Randolph County; Virginia **BENNETT**, married a man by the name of **CRICKARD**, also from Beverley; Margaret **BENNETT**, married a **HOLT**; and Jane **BENNETT** who never married. Their sons were James **BENNETT** and Jonathan **BENNETT**. James was a soldier in the Civil War. He was on his way home, when a bushwhacker shot him within three miles of his home. Jonathan, when about 40 yrs. old came to Webster Springs to visit his sister, Rebecca and family, liked the town bought a large lot, and built a large hotel which he named the Oakland Hotel. He married Mrs. Eva **MILLER** whose husband, George **MILLER**, died from typhoid

fever. Mrs. Miller had four daughters. The Oakland Hotel became famous for the delicious food, clean beds and rooms, and the surroundings. The town grew fast with the tourists coming from cities to the mountains. The **MILLER** girls helped their mother until they were old enough to get married. Leanore married Dr. S. P. **ALLEN**, Margaret married lawyer William **WOODELL**, Evaline married Fred **CURRY**, a grandson of Grandfather and Grandmother **TOWNSEND**. Nina, the youngest girl, stayed with her mother as she ran the hotel for a few years after Jonathan passed away from a heart attack.

My Grandparents, Taylor and Elizabeth **MacAVOY TOWNSEND**, had 17 children. Elizabeth **TOWNSEND** was born June 11, 1852, died in September 1909. She married Isaac **CURRY**, and their children were Robert, killed by a train, and Edward, known as Ed, who was a famous chef in Clarksburg and Webster Springs hotels.

Elizabeth **TOWNSEND** was known as Bess.

Mary and Nettie **TOWNSEND** were twins...Mary died when about 16 yrs old, and Nettie married Claude **BELL** of Summersville, Nicholas County.

Gertrude **TOWNSEND** married Bantz **WOODZELL** of Webster Springs.

Isaac and Paul **TOWNSEND** were two younger members of the family.

Eliza Rebecca **TOWNSEND**, born February 3, 1854, never married. She was a nurse and spent most of her time over in Randolph County with her Aunt Abigail **CARPER** and Aunt Virginia **CRICKARD**, both of Beverly; Rebecca Jane, born September 7, 1855, died September 4.1861, age 6 yrs. The name Rebecca given to two girls also was their mothers name.

Taylor **TOWNSEND**, Jr., was born September 8, 1856, died September 30, 1887 of typhoid fever in Webster Springs. He was buried in the Townsend Plot in the cemetery by the old Methodist Church on the hill. Taylor married Margaret **KESSLER**. Their children were Dyer William, Bruce, and one girl, Pet. She married a man by the name of **MEFFORD**, from Ohio.

Virginia **TOWNSEND** was born August 20, 1858, died February 1897. She married William **KESSLER**, brother of Taylor **TOWNSENDS** wife, Margaret **KESSLER TOWNSEND**. Kessler children were, Mary, Rebecca, Alice, one boy, Frank. William **KESSLER** was from Weston, Lewis County, WV.

William D. **TOWNSEND** was born December. 20, 1859, died June 14, 1900. He lived for years in Elkins, Randolph County and worked for years in railroad repair shops. He married Fannie **HENRY** and they had no children.

Robert L. **TOWNSEND** was born April 29,1861. He died in Washington D. C. Robert married Florence May **RANDOLPH** from Salem, WV. She is a cousin to Senator Jennings **RANDOLPH**. Robert worked several years in Congressional Library, in D. C. He was the father of two girls, Lillie and Jessie. The father is buried in Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C.

Sarah Margaret (Mag) **TOWNSEND** born December 20,1862 died in Florida, no date given. She was 60 years old. Mag married her brother in law, Isaac **CURRY**. Her sister died two years before after a fall in their home in Webster Springs, WV.

Laura May **TOWNSEND**, born April 30, 1865, died October 6, 1930. When 18 years old, she married Dr. Arden **BRYAN** from Buckhannon, Upshur County. They divorced before their son, Arden Carl **BRYAN**, was born. In 1892, Laura May married Samuel L. **SKIDMORE** from Newville, Braxton County. They had six children; Bertha, Mary, Abbie, Lyde, Duffy, and Lillian.

Abigail C. **TOWNSEND** was born in December 1866 date of death is not known. She married Sampson **HAMRICK**, Bernardstown, Webster County. They had seven children; Clarence, Raleigh, Gay, Grace, Harry, Effie and Ruth.

Lillie S. **TOWNSEND**, born in February 1868, died September 28, 1887, and never married.

Nellie B. **TOWNSEND**, born October 6, 1870, died in January 1950. She married Brooks **WATSON**, from Upshur County. They lived in Clarksburg for years He was a carpenter and built many homes in the area. They were parents of Frank, Sam, Robert (who drowned when 8 years old in the Elk River below Webster Springs), Anna, Margaret, John, Blanche, and Florence.

James and John **TOWNSEND** were stillborn October 11, 1872.

Charles **TOWNSEND** was the last child of Robert H. **TOWNSEND** and Rebecca **BENNETT TOWNSEND**. Charles married Bell **BENDER** of Hacker Valley, Webster County in 1897. Their children were John, Charles Robert, Jessie, Ruth and Harry. After Belle died, Charles remarried in 1912. His second wife was Carrie **MILLER**, and their children were Marion Miller, and Emma. All children from the first marriage have passed away except Jessie and Ruth. Jessie **TOWNSEND** lives in Clarksburg, WV. Ruth married Ernie **HAMRICK** and lives in Bullhead, Arizona. The whereabouts of Marion and Emma is unknown.

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# Personal Reminiscences of the Civil War

## by Capt. David ROE
## Buckhannon, Upshur County, W. Va.

### CHAPTER I

The beginning of the Civil War in north Western Virginia, in the year 1861, was brought about by a threatened invasion of several thousand troops from the states of Ohio and Indiana into that part of Virginia.

To resist the invasion, Governor John **LETCHER**, of Virginia, called out the state volunteer militia, which were directed to rendezvous at Fetterman, Taylor county, Virginia, (now Grafton, West Virginia.)

Among the companies so called out was one from Taylor county, known as the LETCHER Guards; which was officered as follows: Captain John A. **ROBINSON**; First Lieutenant, Leonard **MALONEE**; Second Lieutenant, Wm. J. **ROBINSON**. The company went into camp in obedience to said order, on May 13, 1861. Leonard **MALONEE** resigned his commission, refusing to go with the company. Then by a unanimous vote of the company, I was chosen to fill the vacancy. The election was confirmed afterward by commission to me from Governor **LETCHER,** as First Lieutenant, Virginia Volunteer Infantry. I was at that time a captain of the Taylor county state militia.

The companies so called out camped at Fetterman, and were very poorly armed. My own company had a few old smooth bore, rusty muskets, with three cartridges to the gun. These muskets had been deposited at Pruntytown, (the county seat of Taylor county) for the use of the volunteer militia, but there were not enough to give each man of our company a gun. The men who were thus called out and armed at that time, knew but little about what would be required of men to make soldiers, as they were, in most cases, young men from the rural homes of Taylor county, but they did know that powder and lead were two of the requisites for war, and these they did not have. Some one acting as ordnance officer, visited some stores and got a small quantity of powder. I took four or five men and went to Isaac **EVAN'S** steam mill and pulled up two or three hundred pounds of lead piping, which was afterward hauled to Philippi and molded into bullets. On the night of May 22, 1861, during the time we were stationed at Fetterman, Daniel **KNIGHT** was placed as sentinel on the B. & O. R. R., where it crosses a small creek at the upper end of Fetterman. Some time during the night, Bailey **BROWN** and Daniel **WILSON**, citizens of Grafton, as it was then, came down the railroad from the direction of Grafton. When they came near **KNIGHT** halted them; they refused to obey. He told them that they could not pass him and must halt, but they moved on without heeding, and when close to the sentinel, **BROWN** said to his companion, "D—n him, what right has he to stop us," and drew his pistol and shot **KNIGHT** through the ear. **KNIGHT** in that condition, put the contents of his old rusty musket into **BROWNS** breast, and he fell dead, that being the first soldier killed in the Civil War. **WILSON** looked down at him saying, "Why, I believe you are dead," and ran toward Grafton as fast as he could. I got this narrative from a sentinel who was on guard about twenty steps from where **KNIGHT** stood.

**BROWN's** body was taken to a church in Fetterman, where it lay until the next day when his friends came and took it to Grafton. I had charge of the guard that stood where **BROWN** was killed until daylight.

Colonel **PORTERFIELD** was placed in command of the Virginia troop at Fetterman. The day he fell back to Philippi, Lieut. W. J. **ROBINSON** and myself were sent on a reconnaissance in the direction of Fairmont. We went as far as Glady Creek, seeing nothing of the enemy. When we returned, Col. **PORTERFIELD** had vacated the town. **ROBINSON** and I rode out of town on one horse. I left the horse I had been riding with his owner. We overtook the command near Webster, a station on the B. & O. R. R., on their way to Philippi, the county seat of Barbour County, arriving at sundown. The Taylor county company was stationed in a school house at the southeast end of town, on the left side of the pike, going east, where we remained until the rout, molding bullets, making crude cartridges, cleaning old muskets, taking lessons in sleeping on the bare floor, and learning to stand in line like a soldier should stand. We all knew at the time that the Ohio and Indiana troops had invaded the soil of

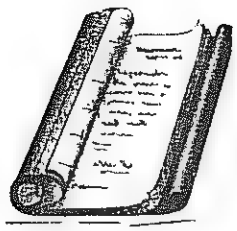
Virginia and were then encamped at Grafton. We further knew that they would soon march up to us, yet we felt satisfied that our scouts and pickets would give notice of their coming. The most of us knew that Col. **PORTERFIELD** had all this information; he had it direct from two young ladies who came from Fairmont through the lines of the enemy and informed him of the situation. I have this from Miss Abbie **KERR**, one of the ladies. The name of the other was Miss Mollie **MCCLOUD**. The unusual circumstance of calling in the pickets added to this, and later events made us Virginians believe (and we always will believe) that we were sold out. We were so strong in that belief that Col. **PORTERFIELD** could not command us again.

On the morning of June 3, 1861, at the dawn of day, I was tired lying on bare boards, and got up and walked out into the open air when looking toward the main town I saw a flash of fire and heard a report. I waited for a second shot, then took in the situation, went back into the schoolhouse and reported to Capt. **ROBINSON** that the enemy was now firing on our people. At first he thought it impossible, but two or three shots convinced him. He mounted his horse and directed me to form the company while he would go to Col. **PORTERFIELD** for orders. I formed our company and had our baggage loaded in a two-horse wagon we had impressed at Fetterman to haul our baggage, which consisted of small grip-sacks, containing our Sunday outfits. Cornelius **CARDER** was the driver and owner of the wagon and horses. I directed him to go eastward along the Beverly pike and await further orders. About this time the panic began. All **PORTERFIELDS** command came rushing along pell-mell. I did not wait for Capt. **ROBINSON** to return but ordered my men to move in the same direction the rest were going. We did not go far until young **DANGERFIELD**, of the Bath cavalry, came riding along with a bullet hole through his leg. We stopped a wagon, took him from his horse, put him into the wagon and started him on. Dr. **HUFF**, (now of Buckhannon, W. Va.,) and others, amputated his leg later in the day.
About one and one-half miles from the school house stood our baggage wagon, with no driver nor horses, but plenty of grips. That was the last I ever saw of those Sunday duds, and the next news I heard of **CARDER** was about the close of the war he had joined the other army. At the forks of the road near where our wagon stood, was the point where the Ohioans were to have cut us off, but they were just a little too late.

Captain **MUMA**, of Pendleton County, Virginia, (now West Virginia) kept some of his men together and fired on the enemy. One ball hit General **KELLEY**, inflicting an ugly wound. The most of us went over to Beverly for breakfast, a distance of thirty-five or forty miles.

My brother Jonathan, a member of the **LETCHER** guards, taking typhoid fever, my father, who was there took him out to Jared **ROGER'S**, on Sugar Creek, in Barbour county, where he lay several months before he could travel. Morgan **POE**, another member of the company, took inflammatory rheumatism, and was in the hospital, but was afterward taken home, where he died. He was a son of Wm. G. **POE**, and my first cousin.

It would seem from the behavior of those north Western Virginians on that morning at Philippi that they were a cowardly set of men. But on the contrary, as the future proved on many a hard fought battlefield, a higher or braver set of men never wore a soldier's uniform than these same men. Their failure that day to show that they were of the higher order was not the fault of the men, but of their commander.



# Sketches of Old

*A series of sketches of Central West Virginia people found in "History of West Virginia Old and New," Volume 1, by James MORTON CALLAHAN, 1923.* **submitted by Linda MEYERS**

**Edwin MAXWELL**

HON. Edwin **MAXWELL**. One of West Virginia's most gifted native sons was the late Hon. Edwin **MAXWELL**, who as lawyer, judge and legislator impressed his abilities on the early state government and a wide range of important affairs for a period of half a century. His home for many years was at Clarksburg, a community that cherishes his memory and in which his son Haymond has attained most marked distinction as a lawyer and judge.

Edwin **MAXWELL** was born at Weston, Lewis County, July 16, 1825, son of Levi and Mary (**HAYMOND**) **MAXWELL**. His father was a successful farmer of Lewis County. His mother was a daughter of Colonel John **HAYMOND**, of West Virginia. Edwin **MAXWELL** was the oldest of four children, the others being Rufus, John and Mary Jane.

While a youth on his father's farm his associations with nature and practical work gave him lessons invaluable in later years. From an early age he showed an Independence and Initiative that enabled him to rise above circumstances of a very modest education and achieve his own opportunities for greatness. He never had the advantages of a College training, but the love of books and knowledge was innate. With exceptional natural qualifications for the law he began to study under his uncle, Lewis **MAXWELL**, and in 1848, at the age of twenty-three, was admitted to the bar. Five years later, in 1852, be located at West Union in Doddridge County, and subsequently served that county two terms as prosecuting attorney. At the beginning of the Civil war he espoused the Union cause, and in 1863 was elected on the Union ticket to the first State Senate of West Virginia. He was one of the very resourceful and able leaders in that party until after the close of the war. In 1866 Governor **BOREMAN** appointed him Attorney-General of the state. In the fall of 1866 be was elected judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, and he was with this court until December 31, 1872, and in that time many cases of great importance involving the interpretation of the early statute of the state came before him for decision. In 1880 Judge **MAXWELL** was republican candidate for judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, and in 1884 was candidate of the republican and greenback parties for governor.

In that campaign be was referred to as "Old Honesty." In 1888 he was elected to the State Senate and in 1892 to the House of Delegates. His last political honor came in 1902, when he was in his seventy-eighth year. He was elected a member of the House of Delegates, and while at his post of duty at Charleston he contracted pneumonia and died February 5, 1903. A period of forty years had intervened from his first service in the Legislature of West Virginia and his

last legislative service. He imparted his wisdom in legislative ability to the making of some of the soundest laws of the state. For fifty-four years he ranked as one of the foremost lawyers of the state, and his associates have repeatedly testified to his comprehensive knowledge of the law, and, above all, to the dignity and depth of his character. In 1872 Edwin **MAXWELL** married Loretta **SHUTTLEWORTH**, who died in 1905. Her father, Colonel John **SHUTTLEWORTH**, was one of the prominent citizens of West Virginia. The two sons of Edwin **MAXWELL** and wife were Edwin **MAXWELL**, Jr., and Raymond **MAXWELL**. Judge Raymond **MAXWELL**, son of Edwin and Loretta (**SBUTTLEWORTH**) **MAXWELL**, had the prestige of his father as an example and since completing a liberal education has rapidly achieved honors both in his practice as a lawyer and on the bench. He was born at Clarksburg, October 24, 1879, was educated in the public schools, completed his literary education in West Virginia University in 1900, and received his law degree from the same source in 1901. He immediately began practice at Clarksburg, and in 1905 was elected on the republican ticket to the House of Delegates. May 7, 1909, eight years after he entered practice he was appointed judge of the Criminal Court of Harrison County serving until December 31, 1912. In 1912 he was nominated and elected judge of the Circuit Court for the district comprising Harrison and Lewis counties and at the close of his first term of eight years he was reelected, in 1920.

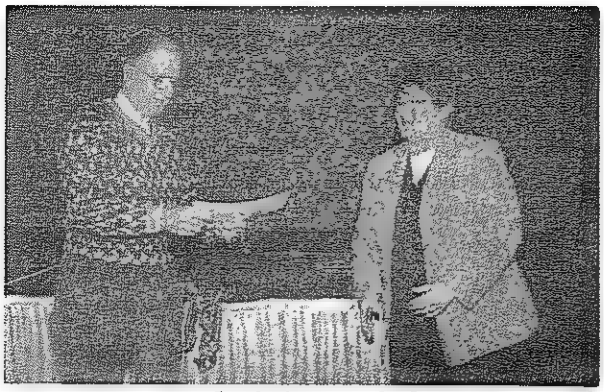
Judge **MAXWELL** in 1905 married Miss Carrie Virginia **MAXWELL**, daughter of Porter and Columbia (**POST**) **MAXWELL**, of HARRISON County. Their five children are: Edwin Raymond, Jr., Carrie Virginia, Emily Frances and Porter Wilson **MAXWELL**.

## AWARDS

Maurice **ALLMAN**, a Lewis County native and now a resident of Philippi, was presented a West Virginia History Hero Award, by Nancy **HERHOLDT**, Commissioner, West Virginia Division of Culture and History, during ceremonies at the Cultural Center, Charleston, recently. **ALLMAN** and others were recognized for their contributions to research, writing, preserving and interpreting local and state history, which combine to represent a tremendous volunteer effort in behalf of West Virginia's history.

**ALLMAN** is a "founding father" of Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants (HCPD), one of the state's foremost genealogical and historical societies. A member of the board of directors since its inception in 1982, he served six years as president. With his direct assistance, HCPD has been the recipient of more than $40,000 in grants from various sources during the past decade.

He is co-chairman of HCPD's West Virginia Cemetery Preservation and Maintenance Board, a committee devoted to the cooperative preservation of small family-owned and/or neglected cemeteries around the state.



History Hero Maurice **ALLMAN** of Philippi, left, accepts his certificate from Nancy **HERHOLDT**, commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History.

## Thomas WEST (b. 1832) of Clay County, W.Va. ? His Origins

by E. Kent **WEST**[1], March 2000

Family history research in preparation of a booklet[2] listing 694 known descendants of Thomas **WEST** (b. 1832) ? first of his family to move into Clay County ? raised some questions about Thomas' origins. This article will present some findings about Thomas' ancestors that may answer some of those questions.

The approximately seven hundred direct descendants of Thomas are all off springs of the children that resulted from Thomas' two marriages. A listing of this second generation follows:

### Children of Thomas WEST

**Thomas WEST** b. 05-October-1832[3], d. 07-May-1899
m. (1) cir 1851 Aurilia **ANDREWS**, b. 26-March-1834, d. __June-1861
m. (2) 1-January-1862 Nancy Jane **HALEY** b. 22-January-1842, d. 08-June-1904

*Children by Aurilia **ANDREWS**:*

* **Permelia WEST** b. 22-July-1852
m. 20-October-1874 Jacob **BURKHAMMER**, b.__ 1853, d. 01-March-1881
* **Albert WEST** b. 21 -June-1855, d. BEF 1860
* **Alexander WEST** b. 28-December-1857
m. 28 January1883 Isabella **BURKHAMMER**, d.28-November-1887
m. 20-March-1890 Roena B. **ARTHUR**, b. 20-July-1873
* **James Madison "Matt" WEST**, b. 12-August-1859, d. 03-November-1937
m. 20-May-1894 Nancy Jane **MURPHY** b. 04-June-1868, d.26 December1956

*Children by Nancy Jane **HALEY**:*

* **Mary Jane WEST** b. 05-August-1863, d. 23-December-1943

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[1] 620 McCollum Circle Neptune Beach, Florida 32266-3786

[2] E. Kent **WEST**, Descendants of Thomas **WEST** of Clay County W.Va. , Neptune Beach, F, Private Printing, 1996.

[3] The reader may be familiar with the publication, History of Clay County WV 1989, p 337, where, in the section headed, "Thomas **WEST** Descendants," Thomas' birth year is given as 1823 instead of 1832. This is an apparent case of the numbers 2 and 3 being transposed by the author of that section, or by the printer. There is, however, an unresolved question as to whether the month of his birth was October or November.

m. 22-April 1 886 Jilson "Jiles" H. **DAWSON**, b. ---March-1853

* **John WEST** b. 23-November- 1 864, d. 15-October-1935
  m. 12-June- 1902 Sarah Belle **WEESE**, b. cir 1882, d. 19 May-1967
* **Samuel WEST** b. 26-October- 1866
  m. 12 December 1891 Nancy Jane **MURPHY** b 04-June-1868, d. 26 December1956.
  m.26-December-1899 Mary **BARNETTE**, b.--- -1882
* **Hannorah "Nora" WEST** b. 08-JuneN-1868 d. 19-September-1893,
  m. 14-March-1890 General Peter **MURPHY**, b.1867, d. 15-January1892
* **Jesse WEST** b. 30-November-1871, d. ----1944
  m. 12-May-1893 Mary Elizabeth **MAY**, b. 18-March-1875, d. 04-May1964
* **Lieutesia "Tish " Ellen WEST**, b. 29-October-1874, d. --- -1961
  m. 14-June-1896 Emory **JAMES**, b. --- -1873, d. --- - -1950
* **William Thomas"Tom" WEST** b. 07-June-1875, d. 03-February1963
  m. 26-December-1898 Edna Ellen **KING**, b. 17-July-1881, d. 19-January1969
* **George Edmond "Ed" WEST**, b. 12-March-1878, d. 03-August1960
  m. 25-July-1901 Lilly Ann **RHODES**, b. I 0-March-1878, d. 07-February1945
* **Ann Virginia WEST**, b. 08-March-1880
* **Lafayette WEST**, b. 22-April- 1882
* **Francis Marion WEST**, b. 20-April-1884, d. 01-October-1955
* **un-named baby**, b. 22-January-1887, d. 27-January1887
* **Charles Gilbert WEST**, b. 30-July-1890, d. 22-March1933
  m. Effie Ann **IGO**, b. 23-July-1889, d. 05-February-1932
  m. Zona Miraha **RAMSEY**

## The Search for Thomas West's Parents

In 1850 Thomas lived with his parents at Reedyville, Virginia in what is present-day Roane County, West Virginia. At that time the area was part of Jackson County. Jackson County had been formed from Mason, Kanawha and Wood counties in 1831, only about a year before Thomas' birth. The 1850 Jackson census record shows, in family number 108, that the head of the household was 60 year old Alexander **WEST**, and that his wife was 50 year old Mary. The maiden name of Mary is unknown. Thomas was in the household and his age was 18. Thomas was apparently the youngest of his family, and the only child of Alexander and Mary still living at home at the 1850 Census. Other identified children of Alexander and Mary were sons Alexander Jr., Jesse, and Samuel, and a daughter Sudner[4].

The Roane county census of 1860 lists Thomas as age 27 and wife Arrela (sic) as age 25. Their oldest child, a daughter Permelia (perhaps named for her maternal aunt, Permelia **ANDREWS SPENCER**, wife of John W. **SPENCER**) was age 7 years. Permelia **WEST** was born near Spencer on 22 July, 1852. Two other children, Alexander age 4, and Madison age 1, were listed. Also in the household in 1860 was Mary **WEST**, age 60, and she is assumed to be Thomas' widowed mother, her husband Alexander having died 15 August 1858 in Roane County. From these facts it is apparent that Thomas' first wife was Aurilia **ANDREWS** and they were married in 1850 or 1851, but to this writer's knowledge, no marriage record has yet been

[4] Marriages Roane Co. VA/W.Va.), 3 January 1859 states: "**WEST**, Sudner, age 28, single, born Jackson Co., parents Alexander and Mary **WEST; KING**, David B., single, born Pike Co. Ky., parents John S. and Martha **KING**, both residents of Roan, married by J. A. **WEST**."

located. Aurilia was the daughter of Asa **ANDREWS** and Olive **INGRAHAM ANDREWS** and was born in Mass.. She was sixteen years of age and living at home with her parents in Gilmer County, Va. in 1850[5]. Aurilia died in June of 1861. (Some family members have believed, and perhaps still do, that Aurelia's surname was **SPENCER.** This may have resulted from a misconception that John W. **SPENCER**, rather than Permelia **ANDREWS SPENCER** was Aurilia's sibling.)

Thomas joined the Union Army just about three months after Aurilia's death. War Department records show that on 16 September 1861 Thomas was mustered into Captain John W. **SPENCER'S** Co., Virginia Foot Vols. This unit later became Co. B, 9th Regiment W.Va. Infantry.

Thomas re-married about four months after joining the Union Army. His second marriage was to Nancy Jane **HALEY** in Spencer, Roane Co. on 11 January 1862[6]. Nancy Jane was the daughter of Samuel and Ann Virginia **HALEY.** She was born 22 January 1842 in Fauquier Co., Va. The Roane County marriage record[5] confirms that Thomas was a U.S. soldier, a "widow", and was 28 years and 2 months old. The record lists his place of birth as Jackson County, and his parents as Alex and Mary **WEST.**

Thomas was transferred to Capt. **MCWHORTER'S** Co., Co G, of his same regiment in April 1862. Thomas became ill at his station at Gauley Bridge, W.Va. and was admitted to a hospital in Charleston, W.Va. He was subsequently sent to the hospital in Gallipolis, Ohio, where he received a disability discharge from the Army on 8 October 1862. Sometime during the following two years the family relocated from Roane County to Calhoun County.

A roster of members of the West Virginia State Troops lists Thomas **WEST** as a member of Captain Hiram **CHAPMAN'S** Company Calhoun County Scouts. The roster shows that Thomas mustered into that company on 22 October 1863, by transfer from Captain **DONELSON'S** Company. The age of Thomas was not recorded on the record, and it is not certain that the person listed was our ancestor, but it seems probable.

The 1870 census of Calhoun County, Lee Township, pg. 636, lists Thomas and Nancy Jane heading a household which has 1 year old daughter Hannorah as the youngest child. Mary **WEST**, Thomas' mother, was in the home and her age was listed as 83. It is interesting to note that the census enumerator marked the appropriate columns to indicate that both of Mary's parents were foreign born.

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[5] 1850 U.S. Census. Gilmer Co., Va. page 31.

[6] Roane County Marriages 7 January 1862. In this source Thomas' name is given "**WEST**, Thomas 3rd".

That designation, Thomas **WEST** 3rd, had long confused family researchers. However, his father was named Alexander, not Thomas. Apparently the '3rd' designation was used because Thomas' paternal uncle was named Thomas, and that uncle's son was Thomas Jr. and all three Thomas **WEST's** were heads of households and living in the same area.

This record would seem to support the family legend that Thomas' son, Alexander, was named for his uncle. Thomas could reasonably be expected to name a son for his rather prominent older brother who was known as a miller and a merchant. This older brother Alexander Jr. (b. cir 1817) and wife Susanna **VINYARD WEST** lived in what is now Spencer, Va/W.Va. and owned considerable property there.

Mary's birthplace was Virginia. Nancy's age was given as 32 and Thomas' as 41. The ages listed in the census for the three adults are not consistent with the ages given in the 1860 and 1880 Census.

The birth of a son, William Thomas **WEST**, to Thomas and Nancy Jane in Clay County in June of 1875 sets the approximate date of the family's move into the county as between 1870 and 1875. Thomas continued to live in, and around, the Rush Fork area of Otter District until his death. The Clay County Court House record gives the date of his death as 7 May 1899, his birth date as 5 October 1832, his parents names as "A. and M. **WEST**", and his age as "76 years, 7 months, 2 days." The age given seems to be the result of a subtraction error by the clerk, and the correct age should apparently have been recorded as "66 years, 7 months, 2 days." His remains are reportedly in the Cherry Tree Cemetery near his final home, although in 1994 no grave marker was recognizable.

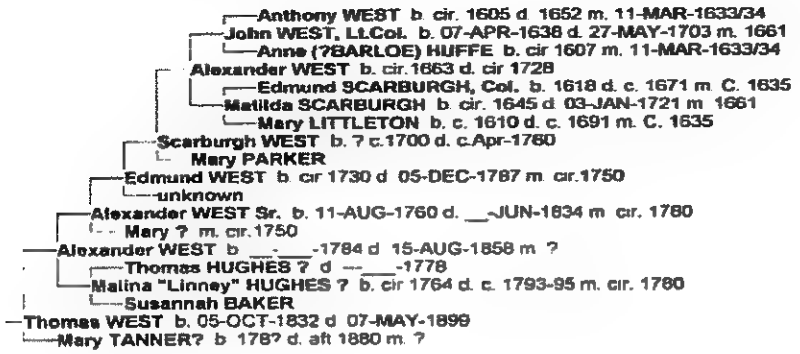
The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions approved a veteran's widow pension No.494916 on 16 August, 1902 for Nancy Jane and for two children, Francis Marion and Charles, who qualified for a payment because they were under sixteen years of age. The pension provided eight dollars per month for the widow and two dollars per month for each of the two sons.

In October of 1993 a descendant of Thomas applied to the Veteran's Administration for a Civil War veteran's memorial stone. The memorial was obtained in 1994 and was installed in the Jesse **WEST** Cemetery on the old Jesse **WEST** farm located about one-half mile south West of the Cherry Tree Cemetery. The Jesse **WEST** Cemetery is located in the edge of Otter District, adjacent to Henry District, on property owned (In 2000) by Herbert E. **WEST**, a grandson of Jesse **WEST**.

## Ancestors of Thomas WEST

The Children of Thomas **WEST**, as listed on the first page of this article, comprise the second generation of Thomas' descendants. The balance of the seven hundred known descendants of Thomas are distributed over four more generations. However, when we consider his ancestors, it appears that Thomas' generation was only about in the middle of a long line of **WEST'S** in America. In fact, as the following Ancestor Chart illustrates, we must look back six generations of **WEST's** preceding Thomas to find the first of his ancestors (John and his parents) who were foreign born.

## A Chart of Thomas West's Ancestors




In researching Thomas' ancestors there was some difficulty establishing the identity of his father, and somewhat more difficulty finding the identity of his grandfather. However, the evidence does seem sufficient to allow us to accept the identity of his grandfather as Alexander **WEST** (b. 1760 in Accomack, Va.) of Harrison County, thus making a great amount of information available from research done over many years by Elmer D. **WEST**[7] and others.

The proof provided by the 1850 census, the Roane County 1862 marriage record, and the Clay County 1899 death record (previously cited) seems adequate to identify Thomas' father as Alexander **WEST** (b. 1784, d. 1858.)

Records leading from Thomas' father to his grandfather are less adequate. The most significant evidence identifying the grandfather, found to date, is the death record in Roane County of Thomas' father, Alexander (b. 1784). The death record is recorded in the Roane County Deaths, page 3, and it states that the information was provided by a son Alexander **WEST**, thus establishing that Thomas had a brother named Alexander. The death record lists the cause of death of Alexander as dropsy, age of the deceased as 74, date of death as 15 August 1858, the wife's name as Mary, and his parents as Alexander and Malina of Harrison County. These dates establish that Thomas' father, Alexander, was born in 1784 in Harrison County, the same year that county was formed from Monongalia County.

The publication, *Heads of Families at the 1st Census of the United States Taken in 1790*, lists by counties the state enumerations 1782 to 1785 in Virginia. In the 1785 enumeration of Harrison County there are only two Heads of Family with the surname **WEST.** The first **WEST** is Emond (sic) **WEST** with eight "white souls" in the household. The second ? and only other **WEST** on the enumeration ? is Alexander **WEST** heading a household consisting of "five white souls". It seems apparent that one of those "five white souls" must be the one year old Alexander, later to become Thomas **WEST'S** father. This Alexander of the 1785 census, Thomas' grandfather, is the rather well known frontiersman and Revolutionary War scout who was born in 1760 in the Virginia eastern shore county of Accomack[7]. (The Emond

[7] **WEST**, Elmer D., Some Descendants of Anthony **WEST**. . ., Page 60

(sic) **WEST** of the 1785 Census is Edmund **WEST** the father of the senior Alexander WEST (b. 1760) and thus the great-grandfather of Thomas **WEST** of Clay County)

This death record of Thomas' father, Alexander (b.1784), cited above, is important for it establishes at least two facts about the Alexander **WEST** family of Harrison County (now Lewis Co.) that were not reported by Elmer D. **WEST** in his well researched book. First, it establishes that the senior Alexander **WEST** of Jane Lew, W.Va. (formerly West's Fort, Va.) had a son Alexander (Thomas' father) and second, it establishes that Malina was the name of the first wife of this senior Alexander. It has long been widely believed that Alexander's first wife was the daughter of Thomas **HUGHES** and thus the sister of Jesse **HUGHES**, Alexander's neighbor and friend, however no record had previously been found that gave her first name. Some reinforcement of the validity of the name Malina was recently pointed out by Joy **STALNAKER**, Executive Director of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, Inc (HCPD). Mrs. **STALNAKER** found a record of an 1787 deed[8] by "Alexander **WEST** and his wife Linney." It seems highly probable that "Linney" was a nickname for Malina.

Another Roane County death record[9] was found which gives the date of the death of a Thomas **WEST** as 12 May 1883 at the age of 90 years and 3 months. The record states that his parents were "A and M. **WEST**" and that he was born in Harrison County. Thus this Thomas **WEST**[10] was born in February 1793. This indicates that Thomas (b. 1783) was another son of Alexander and Malina whose tie to the family has not been commonly known. Thomas was surely a child of the first marriage, since Alexander was not married to his second wife, Mary **STRALEY**, until January 1796.

Even though public birth records are not available for this time period, the evidence appears to warrant the conclusion that Alexander (b.1760) was Thomas' grandfather. It has been helpful that no evidence has come to light that conflicts with that conclusion. It is hoped that additional research of records of Counties in the area may yet fill part of the information void on the senior Alexander, his first marriage, and the children of that marriage.

The three generation chart shown on the following page, though incomplete, is included in the hope that it will give the reader a better grasp of the relationships of the multiple Thomas's and Alexander's that show up frequently in these generations.

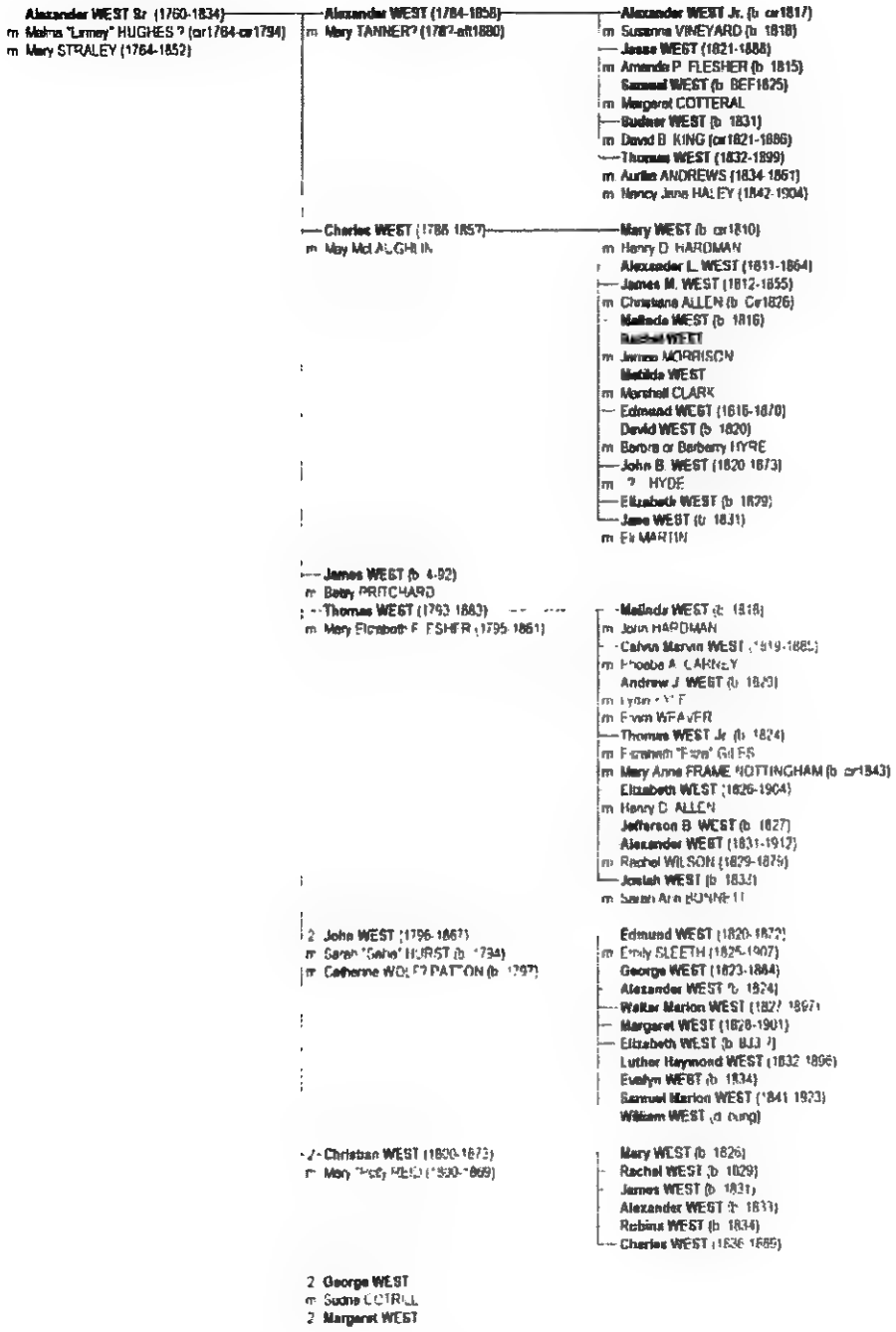
Three of Descendants of Alexander **WEST**, Sr. (tentative and incomplete)

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[8] Harrison County Minute Book 1, Page 201. Deed dated Oct. 1786, recorded Feb 20, 1787

[9] Roane Co Va. (W.Va.) Register of Deaths (1856-1896); pages 45-46, Line 72; "Thomas **WEST**, age 90 yrs, 3 mo, died 12 May 1883 in Curtis District, information by dau. Eliza **ALLEN**; Parents A. and M. **WEST**; Born Harrison Co., widower"

[10] Family Groups Sheet of Thomas **WEST** Compiled by Mrs. Ray **GOFF WEST** (Norma **LYTTON DARKNELL WEST**)




Tree of Descendants of Alexander West, Sr (tentative and incomplete)
Depicting the West Cousins of Thomas West (b. 1832)

# EXTRA EXTRA

## JUST PASSING THROUGH -HACKER"S CREEK

Submitted by Paul **PETTIT**

This information was located while browsing in the records. I had not seen it mentioned before in HCPD Journal so I hope it will be new information. Certainly, the movements of the military unit through Lewis and Harrison County (W) VA is of historical interest. Possibly members of the unit returned to view the works they built, perhaps their call to arms was a response for help from friends and relatives. Their movements to the Greenbriar and then the Tygart Valley river headwaters may illustrate movement patterns of migrants or perhaps a tactical foray to sweep the "inroads" from the Indian lands and box in war parties as they made their way to the settlements.

A John **YOUNG** purchased 250 ac on Back Creek of the James River from Robert **ALLEN** in 1763. This corresponds with the subjects' re-location to the Shenandoah Valley at age 4 (1764). In 1766, he (and Mary **YOUNG**) sold 250 ac on Back Creek to John **DAVIS**. Interested persons should check warrant, survey and patent records for further land transactions. Also, surrounding Counties, once part of Augusta Co should be checked for additional John **YOUNG's** as there are no Jacob **PENCE's** in the consulted land record abstract

John **YOUNG's** Declaration: Age 73; Born 1760 in Lancaster Co. PA.moved to Augusta when four .Service: Capt. **ALL**'s company of volunteers in Augusta - to repel the Indians; Lt. Jacob **PENCE** - marched to SO. Fk of Potomac and thence to waters of Monongalia built a Fort at Hacker's Creek; Capt William **CRAVENS** - - May 1, 1778 - to succor Tygert Valley where inroads and massacres had been made the preceding fall - marched to head of Greenbriar and then to head of Tigart's Valley; Capt. Robert **CRAVENS**, Col. Benjamin **HARRISON**, Genl. **MCINTOSH** - volunteered September 1, 1778 - against the Indians; Capt Robert **CRAVENS** - volunteer rifleman in Virginia Militia; Genl. **GREEN**, Genl. **MORGAN**; Moved to Kanahwa in March 1783; Capt William **MORRIS**; served as spy; Col. George **CLENDENNING**, Capt. William **CLENDENNING**; David **ROBERT** was a spy; Cale Fort was captured Indians August 1790; Thomas **ALLBURY**; Michael **SEE**; Fleming **COBB**; 1793 last year of Indian hostilities in Kentucky.

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# REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE.....

**Lena Virginia BENNETT,** 87, of Weston, died Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at the United Health Center, Clarksburg. She was born August 27, 1913, at Maxwell's Run, Lewis County.

**Leonard Franklin OCHELTREE,** father of HCPD Board Member Janet **OCHELTREE** 85, of Stout Street Bridgeport, West Virginia died Friday, April 20, 2001 in the United Hospital Center following an extended illness. He was born December 13, 1915, in Hyer, Braxton County, West Virginia.

**Junior Ray FORINASH,**, age 73 of Lebanon, OH, went home to be with the Lord and join his other loved ones, Thursday, May 3, 2001 at the Hospice of Dayton, OH. He was born on January 24, 1928 in Salem, West Virginia

**Edra WINEMILLER**, 92, of 100 Parkway Drive, Clarksburg, died at 7:07 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at Heartland of Clarksburg Nursing Home following an extended illness. She was born April 10, 1909, in Horner,

**Anna Lee "Dolly" HACKER**, 80 died, April 16, 2001, in Hospice of Metro Denver, Colorado, after an extended illness. She was born April 16, 1921, in Braxton County, West Virginia.

**Ural Guy STRADER,** 96 dies, father of HCPD Board Member, Hartzel **STRADER**, of Route 1 Horner, Vandalia community, died Wednesday, July 4, 2001 in Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, following an extended illness. He was born on Sammy's Run in Lewis County on November 10, 1904.

**HCPD Member, Elaine L. MONEYPENNY STALNAKER,** 62, , of Route 2, Camden, died at 3 a.m. on Sunday, June 24, 2001, in United Hospital Center in Clarksburg. Born on October 1, 1938, in Weston.

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**Austin R. HELMICK**, 82, of Carolina Avenue, Salem, Father of Lenore **HELMICK RILEY**, HCPD member, died at 2:25 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2001, in the United Hospital Center, following a long illness. He was born January 22, 1919, at Green Hill, Braxton County.

**Roger Wayne STRADER**, 32, of Route One, Crawford, died October 6, 2000, at 5:00 a.m., at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon. He was born August 24, 1968, at Buckhannon

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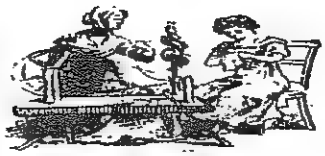
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# "REMINISCENCES OF EARLY LIFE IN CALHOUN COUNTY"

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Part 1

Transcribed by Norma **KNOTTS SHAFFER** from microfilms of the Calhoun Chronicle dated June 12, 1898, June 21, 1898 and September 6, 1898. The author of this article in not given, but was probably written by the newspaper's editor at the time, S. C. **BARR**.

June 12, 1898
In order to more fully appreciate the advantages enjoyed by the good citizens of this county today it may be wise to spend a few minutes with the early settlers of the section of country now known as Calhoun county.

In this number we will omit incidents of personal life and consult old-time friends (a few of whom are yet among us) regarding conditions and associations of life in those early days.

In the spring of 1832 Archibald **BURROWS** moved to this section and settled on the present site of Grantsville. His son, William H. **BURROWS**, who was then a lad of seven summers, went with his father to the different homes throughout the neighborhood, and learned the location of every home for many miles around, gives us the following interesting information. He says:

"The following list represents the inhabitants of the community from DeKalb, in Gilmer county, to Sixteen bend at the Wirt county line: Joseph **BENNETT**, Alexander **HUFFMAN**, Joshua **SMITH**, William **STALNAKER**, Job **WESTFALL**; John **BALL** and Samuel **BARR** moved to the places now known by their names in the year 1834, and Martin **MOORE**, who was succeeded by Philip **STALLMAN,** on the present Judge Reese **BLIZZARD** place, opposite the mouth of Leafbank, in 1833. Cornelius **VENNOY** then lived just below, and soon after sold to Joshua **SMITH**. Levi **TAYLOR** soon afterward purchased the place now known as the Hardman farm, where Allen **HARDMAN** now lives, from a Mr. **HARRIS**, and John **HOLBERT,** Joseph **ROBINSON**, Robert **BENNETT**, James **NEDLY NORMAN**, Beriah **DEPUE**, Beriah **MAZE**, Andy **SHARP** and John **BOOHER**, on the Wood county line below Sixteen bend included the entire inhabitants of the county with exception of Job **WESTFALL**, on Steer creek, and a few families on the West Fork."

"Then," continued our informant, "wolves spoke to us every night' we saw bear very frequently and one could not go out without scaring up a deer.

The entire country from the Little Kanawha river to Hughes river was then an uninhabited forest, and all wild game, large and small, roamed at will in undisputed possession of the territory where now stands the many comfortable homesteads."

"In 1833," continued Uncle Bill **BURROWS**, referring to Yellow creek, "there were more wolf tracks on that creek than there are now tracks of all our domestic

animals, including dogs and cats; and there was not a house or inhabitant on the creek from head to mouth.

In the spring of 1832 I went from home, the present site of Grantsville, to where Smithville now stands, to lay in a supply of coffee for ourselves and neighbors, and found one shanty on Leatherbank, the only human habitation between the Little Kanawha and Hughes River."

Now on Yellow creek and its tributaries there are about eighty families, the greater number whom own their own homes.

Ben **JACKSON**, an enterprising young man, settled with his young wife on the place now known as the old Jackson farm in 1843. Their rude, but comfortable log cabin was then the only house on the path between the Little Kanawha and Hughes River, the way the path then ran from Leafbank to the present site of Smithville.

We called to see Aunt Jane **FERREL**, widow of Hiram **FERREL**. Her first husband, Thomas J. **RICE**, with his young wife, added their names to the list of early settlers in 1838, and made their home where Granville **RICE** now lives, near Mussel **SHOALS**.

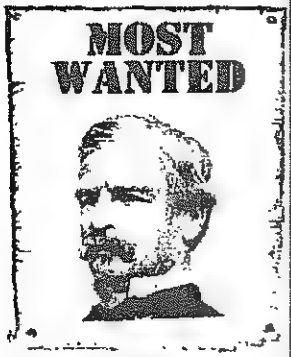
Aunt Jane is a lady of remarkable energy, strength and agility for one of her years, and her memory seems to be accurate. She can detail many interesting incidents of early life, some of which we will give our readers in a succeeding number of the Chronicle.

Aunt Jane wove, on the old hand loom, three hundred yards of carpet and blankets last winter before Christmas. She says:

"In 1838 we had to ask hands all the way from DeKalb, in Gilmer County, to the Sixteen bend to get enough help for a log rolling."

June 21, 1898
It is interesting to review in company with early settlers the conditions existing in social (illegible) and during the ten years preceding that date. Then there were no social lines drawn between the families of this section of country. It is true that a few persons were educated and had come from homes of refinement; but the majority of the early residents, of course were not educated, and many had never seen advantages for education and refinement of a higher order than those afforded after coming to this wooded, hilly and wild region. But the man of education and the unlettered, alike mingled in the society of his neighbors - a welcome guest' and the only thing that excluded any from a hearty welcome was dishonor.

An interview with Elizabeth (Aunt Betty) **FERRELL**, who is most obliging, furnished instances to substantiate the above statement. "Aunt Betty" was married to her first husband, Benjamin **JACKSON**, Nov 4th, 1839 and they moved to Yellow creek March 15th, 1843, when there was only one house, that of George **ROGERS**, on the creek; and now famous Norman ridge was a virgin forest " from end to end."




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1. Hello. I am starting to look for the name **BROUWER** in my family. I have very little information to go on at this point, but I am hoping that some one out there can help me find my family link. The only one I have in this line so far is Elizabeth **WILEMS BROUWER**. I do not know when or where she was born. I do know that she married Claas Andries **DE GRAAF** and they had a daughter while living in Schenectady, NY about 1693. Not much to go on at all. That daughter was Neeltje Claaze **DEGRAFF** and she married Johannes **BUYS** on August 25, 1710 in the Dutch Reform Church in New Jersey. The Buys family eventually settled in West Virginia Anyone know this line, or see a match. I hope to hear from you. Thank you. **Rhonda COWAN,** RLCowan@cablespeed.com GWTWnut1-AOL Instant Messenger #4761452 ICQ

2. Looking for information on CATHERINE E. **ROHR**, b May 17, 1835 possibly in Rockingham Co. or Augusta County, Virginia. Daughter of Philip and Ann **NEFF ROHR**. She married Capt. (?) JONATHON S. **SMITH** , son of John V. **SMITH** and Ludna **SMITH**, during the Civil War, May 21, 1861. They had twp children, Dorah E. (maybe Donald) and Charles S. **SMITH**. Catherine was living in Frozen Camp, near Ripley in 1869. Would like to know where she went after 1869 and if her husband was alive at that time. **Alice KALLMERTEN** 4000-A Ivystone Ct., Charlotte, NC 28277 or e-mail AKallmer@aol.com

3. I'm looking for pictures of any of the descendants of Aaron **MCDANIEL** (1775-1833) and Mary **HADDIX** (1780-1860) They were from the Knottsville, Monongalia County, area. Their descendants would be from Grafton, Arden, Philippi, and Thornton area. Any pictures would be greatly appreciated. They can be E-mailed to me at gene.mcdaniels@verizon.net.
Thanks for your help. **Gene MCDANIELS** 11371 Wembley Rd., Rossmoor, CA 90720

4. Looking for death and burial information on Elizabeth M **HINKLE** (15 Aug 1824 Randolph - abt 1907 where?), d/o Abijah **HINKLE** and Margaret **WYATT**, married (1) Jonas **STRADER** (1820-1854); after Jonas died, Elizabeth married (2) Cyrus John **ARMSTRONG** (1830-1862). Elizabeth was in the 1900 Upshur Co Census (Union District) age 75w, living with Mary Elizabeth **(STRADER) WAGNER** age 52w, she married William Wesley **WAGONER** (1823-1897). **Larry FRANCIS,** 5340 Pond Mountain Rd, Broad Run, VA 20137; (lfrancis@infi.net), phone 540-3476528.

5. I am trying to locate some one who knows where the **HERBERT** Family of Monroe County, West Virginia are buried. My Great Grandmother was Benjaminnie **HERBERT** born January 6, 1843 in Monroe Co. WV. died 1918 Gilmer County and buried on

Grass Run, Gilmer County. Parents of Benjaminnie are John **HERBERT.** No data Mother was Lucinda **BECKNER.** No data Families: **COX, HERBERT, BECKNER** Families: **WHITE, KARICKHOFF, WARD, QUEEN, POST, MARPLE** Do we have anyone who is researching the **REEVES** Family from Pennsylvania. We have very little to go on and could use any help out there. Milton Randolph **Reeves** born October 1863 (missing day) in Greene Co, Pennsylvania. Married Emma **BICKLE** of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Emma **BICKLE** born August 5,1864 died in Youngstown, Ohio 1937. Need the parents of Milton Randolph **REEVES** and siblings. Need parents of Emma **BICKLE** and siblings. Any data would be appreciated. Florence **REEVES** Researching: **REEVES, BICKLE, FERN, HAGGERTY. Mrs. Florence REEVES** 1139 So. Chantilly Street Anaheim, CA. 92806

**6.** Where did Martin (?**VAN BUREN**) **RIFFLE** 1800-1879 live and where was he buried? What is the name of the cemetery in Braxton Co. where his daughter Anna **CRAWFORD RIFFLE** and her husband Anson **MOLLOHAN** are buried? **Linda STEORTS KAUFMAN** P. O. Box 380 Bridgeport, WV 26330 kaufman@wvhomes.com

**7.** Is there a list of graves in the **MATHENY** Cemetery on Keener's Ridge near the Braxton/Nicholas Co. WV line? Are there stones for Joel **WALKER** born 1809 and his wife Mary Lucinda **FUEL**? **Linda STEORTS KAUFMAN** P. O. Box 380 Bridgeport, WV 26330 kaufman@wvhomes.com

**8.** Looking for place of residence, burial, etc. for Memucan **WALKER** 1764-1836, born Lunenburg Co. VA , lived SC and maybe married 1st to Nancy(?), later married Molly **DORMAN** in MD (?divorced) and married Rachel **LEWIS** in Greenbrier Co. (W)VA in 1808. He was a Revolutionary War vet. and was one of the first school teachers in Greenbrier Co. Also seeking documentation of his parentage. Recent DNA testing establishes his connection to several early Virginia **WALKER** lines but exact line not proven. **Linda STEORTS KAUFMAN** P.O. Box 380 Bridgeport, WV 26330 kaufman@wvhomes.com

**9.** Looking for parents or/and a possible first marriage for George **STEORTS** (many other spellings include **STORTS, STOTTS, STEORTZ, STORTZE,** possibly **STAATS, STURTZ,** and others) born near Hagerstown 1769, died Jane Lew, (W)VA 1851. Married Eunice **BAILEY STALNAKER** 1790-1854, daughter of Minter **BAILEY** Sr., in 1827 and they had three sons and three daughters. Linda **STEORTS KAUFMAN** P. O. Box 380 Bridgeport, WV 26330 kaufman@wvhomes.com

**10.** I have had little to no success in finding information about my grandmother's family. She is Elizabeth Jane **LANCE** b: Jan 27, 1853 in Upshur Co. d: Oct. 4, 1946 in Gilmer Co. m: John Dolan **LYNCH** b: Mar. 10, 1844 in Gilmer Co., d: April 7, 1929 in Gilmer Co. I have a marriage date of June 4, 1873 but do not have a location of the marriage. They had 11 children. They are Okey, Alva Clarence, Veda Esta, Charles, Bernard Ray, Ida Blanch, Howard Hill, Judson Elmer, Ora, Bertha Leoma, and Louretha. Elizabeth's Jane's father was: John **LANCE** b: abt. 1827 in Va., and her mother was Ardelia **MCVANEY** b: 1833 in Va. d: 1902. While I do have some information on the **MCVANEY** side of the family, it appears that Christopher has been the target of search for many. Elizabeth Jane's father John is as far back as I have gotten in that search. Any information or leads to information would be appreciated. Happy hunting. Albert 'Bud' **BURNSIDE** 2101 Hahntown Wendel Rd.N. Huntingdon, Pa.15642 **1budburns@home.com**




**11.** I am trying to learn the dates of death and place of burial for my 3rd gr grandparents, John and Nancy **CLINE**. In 1800 John bought 126 acres on West side of W. Fork River from Benj. Cutter. In 1808 he bought 100 acres from Geo **ARNOLD** on right hand fork of Leading Creek. Kleins Run named for John. Family tradition says John was Hessian soldier. 1830 census shows John as 70-80 years old. Son George **CLINE** m. Ruth **MCCANN**. Son Joseph m. Sarah **MCCANN**. Both went to Meigs Co. OH ca 1835. Son John Jr., m. Betty **MONEYPENNY**. They went to Jackson Co. WVA ca 1845. Daughter Elizabeth m. John **BURK**. She is b. Sand Fork WV. Cem. Where did John and Nancy **CLINE** live prior to 1800? Seek descendants to exchange info. **Harris K. JENSEN** 9019 Liptonshire Dr. Dallas, TX 75238

12. Seek descendants of two sisters, Sophia **BURK** and Caroline Cline **BURK,** daughters of John & Elizabeth (**CLINE BURK**) Sophia (1833-1909) m. (1) ___**LYNCH.**, (2) James **ROE** 1857. Known children: Eliza b. ca 1858. m. W.R. Johnson 1873, **BYARTOMY** (?) b. ca 1867, William b. ca 1872. Caroline b. ca 1838 m. William **Varnot** 1868. Where are these sister buried? Need Caroline's date and place of death. Will exchange info. **Harris K. JENSEN** 9019 Liptonshire Dr. Dallas, TX 75238

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